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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd *dy*  
FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont  
SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
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Walter Winchell in his broadcast on Sunday evening, January 13, 1952, included the following items of possible interest to the Bureau:

WINCHELL:

New York City: Federal Judge Sylvester Ryan is expected to send the Frank Costello case to the jury on Tuesday.

Federal Court House, New York: The lawyer for Frank Costello may pull a big surprise tomorrow. Lawyer George Wolff may call a number of newspaper men who covered the Senate Crime Committee hearings.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

WINCHELL:

San Francisco: The next big demonstration by Communists in San Francisco will take place on January 16. They will go from house to house passing out leaflets protesting the arrest of Red leaders by the FBI. *am*

COMMENT:

Information has been received from time to time from San Francisco and Los Angeles that the Communists on the west coast are distributing leaflets and agitating otherwise in protest to the arrest by the FBI of west coast Communist leaders who are presently awaiting trial under the Smith Act. It is known that west coast Communists were planning to distribute such leaflets on a house to house basis.

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WINCHELL:

Russian engineers are successfully mining uranium in the giant mountains of upper Selica. This confirms the worst fears of allied intelligence.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

WINCHELL:

Berlin: Four high Red Army officers deserted to the west this week.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

WINCHELL:

The Presidential doghouse is presently occupied by Mr. Truman's Secretary, Matthew Connelly. The insiders tell me Matthew is seeking another job.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

WINCHELL:

The famous friendship between the President and his friend George Allen is also said to have turned sour. The President expressed great indignation at Mr. Allen's role with his good friend Ike Eisenhower.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

WINCHELL:

Washington: This is the story behind the ransomed American flyers. Sixteen large Hungarian plants offered an alibi to their Red Commissars over failure to meet their Red quotas. They alibied that American sabotage had retarded

their daily output and they seized our flyers as evidence to support their lies. The Kremlin fell for it. This explains the cheap ransom of only \$120,000.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

WINCHELL:

New York Journal American: The high court heard the appeal of Yvette Matson last Tuesday. Her fate will be made known very soon. She is the Brooklyn girl who killed her Air Force husband in Germany. She is now in Womens Federal Penitentiary at Alderson, Virginia.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. LADD  
MR. NICHOLS

Irving Hoffman called me from New York to advise that the Post series on Walter Winchell are being syndicated and are to start running in the Los Angeles Mirror on Monday. He stated he is going to do quite a strong piece on these articles which obviously do not give the true picture. Mr. Hoffman told me that today they have a picture of Winchell with Johannes Steel, with the comment that "there was a time when Johannes Steel, one of the Communist's pet Commie pet writers on international affairs, had Winchell's ear as above" but according to Mr. Hoffman they do not say that Johannes Steel was writing for the New York Post.

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Mr. Hoffman stated that with reference to the piece he was going to write he was interested in the item the Post ran on the gangster in the Stork Club on New Year's Eve and he would like to know the background on this if possible. He stated he had checked on this and he believed it had come from McKelway's book in 1940 which was a series of profiles put out by the New Yorker. I told Mr. Hoffman that I had checked all our files in the Bureau, our regular call files and identification files and fingerprint files and we have no one by that name. I stated, of course, I would not say that no one by that name exists, but certainly if we were in pursuit of a man, or a man had impersonated a federal officer, or we had prosecuted him or he was a fugitive we would have him listed. I stated we had no record of any Terry Riley and I surmised that Lyle Stuart had probably picked it up from McKelway. Mr. Hoffman stated he thought he could challenge Stuart and say he would like to see them produce the man, as he felt if we could not they certainly could not, and he wondered if he would be safe in doing this. I told him I believed they could not produce such a man unless, of course, they had some fake one show up. I further told Mr. Hoffman that I recalled this particular evening very well at the Stork Club; that I did not recall this incident at that I was there with Walter Winchell and at the time Jim Braddock was the heavy weight champion of the world and Jim was at some other table with a group of friends and at midnight when the New Year came in someone suggested that Jim and I have our photograph taken together, and we did. I stated we put on some funny hats and I had a pop gun which was given out as a souvenir and there was no one else in the picture and there certainly was no such person as Riley in our entire party and I would certainly be the last person to ask anyone to join in on a picture unless I knew who they were. Mr. Hoffman asked whether he could

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say that he checked with me and that in the files of the FBI there is no such person. I told him he could certainly say that in the files of the FBI there is absolutely no record of any such fugitive or any such criminal with that name for those offenses. Mr. Hoffman stated he was going to do a pretty strong piece and he would send me a copy of his article.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. H.*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

cc-Mr. Nease

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd  
FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont  
SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
JANUARY 6, 1952

DATE: January 7, 1952

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Mr. Rosen  
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Mr. Harbo  
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Miss Gandy

Walter Winchell in his broadcast on Sunday evening, January 6, 1952, included the following items of possible interest to the Bureau:

WINCHELL:

New York City: U. S. Government contempt trial of Frank Costello starts tomorrow. Seven subpoenas have been served. Among the first on the stand will be Senator Kefauver and Rudolph Halley. Costello can get eleven years.

COMMENT:

Costello is being tried for Contempt of Congress. This is not a Bureau case.

WINCHELL:

Albany: The New York State Crime Commission has discovered startling news about a lower court judge in Manhattan, based on a tip offered by Governor Dewey.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

WINCHELL:

Sing Sing: Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, now in the death house, will have their appeal heard on January 11th. Since Federal Judge Irving Kaufman sentenced them to die there hasn't been one new case of spying.

COMMENT:

The Julius and Ethel Rosenberg cases grew out of the Harry Gold espionage case and their convictions resulted from Bureau investigation.

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WINCHELL:

The latest under scrutiny by the Senate Security Committee is a White House Secretary.

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As you are aware, the McCarran Committee has requested information in the Bureau files concerning [REDACTED]. The fact that the Committee has made this inquiry was forwarded to the Department with the request that the Department advise as to the method of handling the Committee request. To date no reply has been received from the Department. It is not possible to tell definitely if Winchell was referring to [REDACTED].

WINCHELL:

House Un-American Activities Committee will serve fifteen subpoenas on Broadway theatrical people before the week end.

COMMENT:

The Bureau is aware that the HCUA has contemplated reconvening hearings on Communist infiltration in the motion picture industry early this year.

WINCHELL:

New York City: Federal Judge Harold Medina was tortured for many months by the Reds defense lawyers at the trial of the eleven convicted Reds. However, one of those lawyers, Harry Sacher will never again bother any other Federal Judge because he has been barred for life. Another legal thorn in Medina's side was also suspended for two years. Unfortunately, there is no way that Judge Medina can get back the years they took from his life.

COMMENT:

Abraham J. Isserman was the other attorney for the eleven convicted Communist leaders that was disbarred for two years. This disbarment proceeding has been pending for some time and final decision was just recently made in New York.

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ATTENTION ASST. DIRECTOR L. B. NICHOLS

RE NY POST ARTICLE SUNDAY, JAN. TWENTY, NINETEEN FIFTY TWO

CAPTIONED QUOTE WINCHELL AND HOOVER UNQUOTE. THE ARTICLE, ONE OF A  
SERIES ABOUT WINCHELL, FOLLOWS-

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OF ALL THE PUBLIC MEN IN WALTER WINCHELL-S LIFE, CHIEF G-MAN  
J. EDGAR HOOVER HAS PROBABLY WON THE MOST NUMEROUS CITATIONS FOR CON-  
DUCT ABOVE, BEYOND AND BELOW THE CALL OF DUTY.

THIS PALPITATING PALSHIP HAS ENDURED FOR NEARLY FIFTEEN YEARS.  
IT IS ONE OF THE MOST COMPLETE AND TOUCHING EXAMPLES OF WINCHELL-S  
FIDELITY TO A HERO. AS IN THE CASE OF ALL WINCHELL-S GOOD GUYS,  
HOOVER CAN DO NO WRONG AND ANYBODY WHO DARES TO CRITICIZE HIM AUTO-  
MATICALLY BECOMES A DANGEROUS CHARACTER IN WINCHELL-S BOOK OF REVELATIONS

IN SO LONG AND INTENSE A RELATIONSHIP THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW  
TENSIONS, WHEN ONE FELT THE OTHER MOMENTARILY DEFECTIVE. WINCHELL  
MIGHT BE AGGRIEVED, BECAUSE HOOVER HAD SHOWN EXCESSIVE GENEROSITY  
TOWARD ANOTHER JOURNALIST OR HOOVER MIGHT BE IRRITATED BY WINCHELL-S  
MISQUIDED ALLEGIANCE TO SOME GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL WHOM HOOVER DEPLORED.

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THERE ARE ALSO INTERVALS WHEN CONGRESSIONAL CURIOSITY OVER THE EXTENT OF WINCHELL-S INTIMACY WITH THE AFFAIRS OF THE FBI CREATES A DISCREET COOLING-OFF PERIOD IN THE HOOVER-WINCHELL ASSOCIATION, BUT THE CHILL HAS NEVER BEEN PROLONGED OR FATAL.

TO READ AND HEAR WINCHELL OVER THE COURSE OF THE YEARS IS TO GET THE KIND OF IDEALIZED BIOGRAPHY OF HOOVER USUALLY RESERVED FOR SUCH IMMORTALS AS BABE RUTH. NO WORD OF CRITICISM EVER INTERRUPTS THE FLOW. WINCHELL IS NOT MERELY DEDICATED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS AND HISTORIC UTTERANCES OF THE TOP G-MAN. HE DISPLAYS A FANATICALLY DETAILED PREOCCUPATION WITH HOOVER-S LITTLE JOYS AND SORROWS, HIS ILLS AND RECOVERIES, HIS FURIES AND HIS FLUTTERS.

IRONICALLY, IN HIS ZEAL FOR HIS TASK THERE IS SOME QUESTION AS TO WHETHER WINCHELL HAS ALWAYS BEEN HELPFUL AND WHETHER, IN THE LONG RUN, HOOVER FULLY EMERGES FROM WINCHELL-S WORD-PICTURES AS THE MAN OF DISTINCTION HE IS ALLEGED TO BE. THERE ARE MOMENTS, AT LEAST, WHEN WINCHELL-S EXPRESSION OF BOYISHLY BOISTEROUS ESTEEM FOR OUR TOP COP HAVE MADE BOTH OF THEM LOOK DOWNRIGHT COMIC.

TAKE THE CASE OF THE MISSING COMMUNIST LEADERS.

BACK ON NOV. EIGHT, NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT, WINCHELL GAVE THE COUNTRY THIS REASSURING NEWS- "THE FBI CAN PICK UP EVERY COMMUNIST CHIEF WITHIN AN HOUR VIA ITS UP-TO-DATE LIST." SEVEN DAYS LATER HE REPEATED THE ASSURANCE-

"MANY TOP MEN IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY HERE ARE IN HIDING. ... THE FBI KNOWS ALL THE LEADERS AND IF AN EMERGENCY COMES UP THEY WILL BE COLLARED WITH THE SAME DISPATCH USED ON PEARL HARBOR DAY."

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ALL THIS SOUNDED LIKE CLEAR REASSURANCE FROM THE FBI THAT THE COMMUNIST CHIEFTAINS COULDN-T MAKE A MOVE WITHOUT SOMEBODY CALLING HOOVER. THE MYTH MIGHT HAVE SURVIVED IF EIGHT RANKING COMMUNISTS HADN-T JUMPED BAIL ON THE EVE OF SENTENCING LAST JULY.

SEVEN ARE STILL MISSING AND THE EIGHTH WAS CAUGHT BY THE MEXICAN COPS.

SINCE THE EPISODE OF THE VANISHING UN-AMERICANS WINCHELL HAS BEEN RELATIVELY SILENT ON THE EMBARRASSING SUBJECT OF FBI SURVEILLANCE. HE DID REPORT ON JULY NINE THAT THE FBI "FEARS" THAT ROBERT G. THOMPSON, ONE OF THOSE STILL A W O L, IS "ARMED AND SEEKS TO BECOME A MARTYR." PRESUMABLY HE GOT THIS FROM THE SAME SOURCE WHICH TOLD HIM THAT GUS HALL HAD A VIAL OF POISON WITH HIM AND WOULD KILL HIMSELF "A LA HIMMLER" THE MOMENT HE WAS APPREHENDED. HALL WAS NABBED IN MEXICO ON OCT. NINE, NINETEEN FIFTY ONE, THE VIAL WAS MISSING.

HOOVER-S REPUTATION FOR ~~XXXXXXXX~~ OMNISCIENCE ~~XX~~ MAY BE DAMAGED ON A LESSER SCALE BY SUCH ITEMS AS WINCHELL-S BLEAK REPORT ON JULY FOURTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT-

"JOHN EDGAR HOOVER-S "PAINED" EXPRESSION, INTIMATES KNOW, IS FROM HIS FEAR THAT "WAR MAY COME TOMORROW." NOW DON-T ASK HIM IF IT IS TRUE, HE WILL ONLY DENY IT."

UNFORTUNATELY FOR HOOVER, THERE IS NO RECORD OF A DENIAL. IN HIS DESIRE TO PROVE THAT THE G-MEN ARE ALWAYS THERE WHEN IT

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MATTERS, WINCHELL SOMETIMES OFFERS BEWILDERING HIGHLIGHTS OF HINDSIGHT.  
THUS, AFTER THE ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT TRUMAN LAST YEAR,  
HE WROTE-

"THE WASHINGTON RUMBLINGS THAT THE FBI HAD NO ADVANCE NOTICE OF  
THE PUERTO RICAN INSURRECTION DOESN-T IMPRESS THE K GOVERNMENT AGENCIES  
WHICH GOT DETAILED ADVANCE NEWS /FROM THE G-MEN/ ON THE SAN JUAN  
NATIONALISTS- PLANS."

THE PARAGRAPH WAS OBVIOUSLY INTENDED TO SHOW THAT J. EDGAR HOOVER  
ALWAYS HAS HIS FINGER ON THE PULSE OF THE PLOTTERS. IF THAT WAS TRUE,  
THE OBVIOUS QUESTION- UNASKED AND UNANSWERED BY WINCHELL- IS WHY THE  
G-MEN DIDN-T FOIL THE PLOT BEFORE THE SHOOTING STARTED.

SUCH MISFORTUNES ARE LIKELY TO AFFLICT ANY PUBLIC FIGURE WHO BARES  
HIS CERTITUDES AND PROPHECIES AS OFTEN AS HOOVER-S ARE UNFOLDED BY  
WINCHELL.

THEIR RELATIONSHIP GOES WAY BACK. IN NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR-  
ALTHOUGH THEY HAD NOT YET MET, HOOVER ASSIGNED TWO G-MEN AS WINCHELL  
BODYGUARDS WHEN THE COLUMNIST TOOK A TRIP TO MOB-RIDDEN CHICAGO.  
SINCE WINCHELL THEN /AS NOW/ MANAGED TO LIVE A DOUBLE LIFE IN WHICH HE  
COULD CLAIM SOME DISTINGUISHED GANGSTERS AS FRIENDS EVEN WHILE HE  
CONSORTED WITH THE COPS, THE UNDERWORLD ALSO HAD THREE MEN TAKING  
CARE OF HIM.

BY NEW YEAR-S EVE OF NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE WINCHELL AND HOOVER WERE  
CELEBRATING NEW YEAR-S EVE TOGETHER AT THE STORK CLUB, AN EVENT SUB-  
SEQUENTLY PRESERVED FOR POSTERITY IN PUBLISHED ESSAYS. IT WAS QUITE  
A NIGHT BECAUSE TERRY REILLY, A NOTORIOUS GUNMAN OF THE ERE, WAS

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ALSO ON HAND AND HOOVER /NOT RECOGNIZING REILLY/ JOINED OTHERS IN TRYING TO PERSUADE HIM TO POSE FOR THE PHOTOGRAPHERS WITH A TOY MACHINE-GUN. REILLY WAS ON PAROLE AT THE TIME, HAVING BEEN CONVICTED OF EXTORTION AND IMPERSONATING A G-MAN.

ALTHOUGH WINCHELL-S PALSHIPS WITH UNDERWORLD FIGURES HAVE FLUCTUATED, REACHING A GAUDY CLIMAX WITH HIS RECENT PUBLIC ENNOBLING OF FRANK COSTELLO, HOOVER HAS APPARENTLY NOT SEEN FIT TO TELL WINCHELL TO CHANGE HIS CIRCLE OF FRIENDS. THERE IS SOME EVIDENCE, HOWEVER, THAT GOSSIP ON THE POINT HAS WORRIED THE G-MAN. HOOVER HAS SHOWN INCREASING DISCRETION ABOUT BEING SEEN IN UNDUE PROXIMITY TO MOBSTERS.

IN RECENT YEARS THE STORK CLUB HAS BECOME THE CHIEF RENDEZ-VOUS FOR HOOVER AND WINCHELL, PERHAPS BECAUSE OF THESE PRIOR EMBARRASMENTS AT OTHER PLACES OR POSSIBLY BECAUSE WINCHELL LEAVES THE STORK LESS AND LESS FREQUENTLY WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME EXCEPT TO MAN HIS OCEANSIDE FLORIDA BASTION.

IF THE CURIOUS DUALITY OF WINCHELL-S TIES WITH THE G-MEN AND FRANK COSTELLO HAS BROUGHT ANY PAIN TO HOOVER, IT MUST BE WEIGHED AGAINST THE CONSTANT STREAM OF ADULATION AND ANXIETY WITH WHICH HOOVER-S LIFE IS RECORDED BY WINCHELL.

THERE ARE DAYS WHEN IT SOUNDS AS IF WINCHELL RECEIVES A DAILY MEDICAL BULLETIN ON THE G-MAN- WELFARE.

ON SEPT. TEN, NINETEEN FORTY ONE, WINCHELL DISCLOSED THAT HOOVER HAD LOST TWENTY POUNDS IN FOUR WEEKS, "EATING HALF OF EACH MEAL." ON MAY FIFTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY THREE, WE LEARNED THAT HOOVER "AFTER A TOUGH TEN DAYS OF FLU IS HONKY-DOOLY AGAIN." THE FOLLOWING YEAR-

SEPT. FOUR, NINETEEN FORTY FOUR-- WE GOT THE OMINOUS WORD THAT  
"JOHN EDGAR HOOVER WAS SO ILL RECENTLY HE THOUGHT HE WOULD DIE."  
BY NINETEEN FORTY FIVE WINCHELL IS SOLICITOUSLY REPORTING THAT  
"CERTAIN POWERFUL ENEMIES IN WASHINGTON ARE TRYING TO WORRY HIM  
/HOOVER/ INTO LOOKING OLDER."

THE G-MAN-S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES AT THE STORK CLUB ARE  
FAITHFULLY ANNOTATED, AT NO TIME HAS IT APPARENTLY OCCURED TO WINCHELL  
THAT A NERVOUS, SECURITY-CONSCIOUS AMERICA MIGHT BE TROUBLED BY THE  
KNOWLEDGE THAT OUR CHIEF G-MAN IS FOREVER /ACCORDING TO WINCHELL/  
SLIPPING IN AND OUT OF NEW YORK NITERIES. UNDOUBTEDLY HOOVER SPENDS  
MANY LONG HOURS AT HIS DESK, BUT THE ACCUMULATIVE EFFECT OF WINCHELL  
ITEMS IS TO SUGGEST THAT THE G-MAN CAN-T STAY AWAY FROM NEW YORK.

THE CRUELEST THING THAT WINCHELL HAS DONE TO HOOVER- WITH THE  
BEST OF INTENTIONS-- IS TO TRY TO "HUMANIZE" HIM. THE RESULT OF THIS  
EFFORT CAN ONLY GIVE PAUSE TO THOSE WHO LIKE TO BELIEVE /AS WINCHELL  
WOULD LIKE US TO BELIEVE/ THAT HOOVER IS PROTECTING OUR NATION  
TWENTYFOUR HOURS A DAY AND DESTROYING HIS HEALTH BY HIS SINGLE-  
MINDED DEVOTION TO DUTY. AS HIS DIARY IS AFFECTIONATELY SET DOWN BY  
WINCHELL, HOOVER FINDS EXTRAORDINARY TIME FOR DIVERSIONS UNRELATED TO  
THE NATIONAL DEFENSE.

HE HAS BEEN ABLE, FOR EXAMPLE, TO ACT AS  
LITERARY ADVISOR TO SOPHIE TUCKER-

"SOPHIE TUCKER, WHOSE NEW BOOK "THE LIFE OF THE RED HOT MAMMA,"  
WILL HAVE ASBESTOS COVERS BECAUSE MR. G-MAN SO SUGGESTED IN A CLOWNING  
MOOD," WINCHELL RELATED ON SEPT. EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY ONE.

DURING THE GRIM DAYS OF MAY, NINETEEN FORTY TWO, WINCHELL DEPICTED  
HOOVER AS A MAN WITH "A NEW RADIO FAVORITE -- RED SKELTON AND HIS  
"I DOOD IT."

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ON DEC. TWENTY THREE, NINETEEN FORTY FOUR, AMID THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE, WE LEARN FROM WINCHELL THAT "I JUST SAW G-MAN HOOVER IN BRENTANO-S BUYING A COPY OF "CHARLIE CHAN.""

IT WAS IN THE SAME YEAR THAT AMERICA LEARNED VIA WINCHELL THAT "JOHN EDGAR HOOVER-S TAILOR IS HIDDEN AWAY ON THE SEVENTH FLOOR OF TEN WEST FORTYSEVENTH STREET" AND THAT THE G-MAN HAD FOUND A NEW "REDUCING TRICK" -- A HOT BATH FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES A DAY.

IN DECEMBER, NINETEEN FORTY SEVEN, WINCHELL OFFERED A NEW GLIMPSE OF THE SIMPLE PLEASURES WHICH CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN JOY AND SORROW FOR A SUPERSLEUTH- "THE ONE PERSON J. EDGAR HOOVER WOULD LIKE TO MEET AND KNOW IS HIS FAVORITE COMEDIAN, JAMES DURANTE." WINCHELL-S INABILITY TO ARRANGE THE INTRODUCTION IS UNEXPLAINED.

ON JUNE TWENTY NINE, NINETEEN FORTY NINE, WE ARE AGAIN GIVEN A BRIEF PORTRAIT OF THE LIGHTER SIDE OF THE MAN- "JOHN EDGAR HOOVER PURCHASING A NOISY PAIR OF SWIMMING TRUNKS AT CLYDE-AS ON MADISON AVE." AND IN JAN., NINETEEN FIFTY ONE, WE GET A COY SNAPSHOT OF HOOVER PLAYING STRAIGHT MAN FOR A LOVELY THING-

"TO G-MAN HOOVER, WHO TEASED HER, TEEVY-S NEW DUMB DOLLING BABY- STARED- "I REFUSE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS ON THE GROUND IT MIGHT INCINERATE ME.""

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WINCHELL OBVIOUSLY REGARDS IT AS ONE OF OUR REPUBLIC-S WORST OVERSIGHTS THAT J. EDGAR IS CONFINED TO THE ROLE OF FBI CHIEF WHILE LESSER MEN ARE DESIGNATED TO RUN FOR OFFICE. "DEMOCRATIC BIGGIES ARE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING G-MAN HOOVER FOR ROOSEVELT-S RUNNING MATE," HE PROCLAIMED HOPEFULLY IN MAY, NINETEEN FORTYFOUR. THERE ISN-T A TRACE OF HISTORICAL PROOF THAT THE IDEA EVER TRESPASSED BEYOND WINCHELL-S COKUMN. IN DECEMBER, NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN, WINCHELL TOLD US THAT HOOVER HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY A "BIG REPUBLICAN" TO SEEK THE PRESIDENCY BUT SPURNED THE OFFER WITH THESE NOBLE WORDS-

"TO BE ELECTED I-D HAVE TO MAKE A DEAL, WHICH I WOULD NEVER."

AT LEAST SOME WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENTS BELIEVE WINCHELL HAD ENTERED THE FIELD OF IMAGINARY INTERVIEWS.

BUT IT IS ONLY IN THE REALM OF ATTACK AND COUNTER-ATTACK THAT THE FULL MEASURE OF WINCHELL-S DEVOTION TO HOOVER CAN BE WEIGHED. ANY DULL BOOK, UNREVEALING MAGAZINE ARTICLE OR C-MOVIE THAT PICTURES HOOVER AS HERO IS SURE TO RATE A PLUG IN WINCHELL-S WORKS, ANY UNFAVORABLE NOTICE IS SURE TO INITIATE A CAMPAIGN OF REPRISAL DESIGNED TO DESTROY THE VICTIM AND TERRIFY ANY POTENTIAL IMITATORS.

IN THIS AS IN OTHER MATTERS WINCHELL OPERATES WITH THE PASSION

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LET IT BE SAID FOR HOOVER THAT HE HAS NEVER IN ANY PUBLIC PROTESTATION INDICATED EITHER THAT HE AUTHORIZED SUCH DISCLOSURES OR THAT HE FELT SUCH SAGAS WERE BENEATH THE DIGNITY OF HIS OFFICE.

WINCHELL-S PREOCCUPATION WITH HOOVER-S HEALTH IS EQUALLED ONLY BY HIS CONCERN FOR THE G-MAN-S FINANCIAL WELL-BEING. HE IS ETERNALLY REPORTING THAT HOOVER HAS JUST REJECTED FANCY SUMS FOR JOBS IN PRIVATE LIFE /WHICH COULD WELL BE TRUE/. HE IS ALSO CONSTANTLY LAMENTING HOOVER-S FINANCIAL PLIGHT. "AFTER TWENTY FOUR YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY, G-MAN HOOVER IS BROKE," SAID WINCHELL ON DEC. THREE, NINETEEN FORTY FIVE.

SINCE HOOVER IS A BACHELOR WITH NO VISIBLE BACKBREAKING OSLIGATIONS, THE REMARK, INTENDED AS A PUFF, COULD HAVE BEEN CONSTRUED AS A RECKLESS CHARGE OF EXTRAVAGANCE. THE FOLLOWING YEAR WINCHELL NOTED THAT HOOVER HAD BEEN GIVEN A NEW CAR "INSTEAD OF A NEW SALARY." IN FEB., NINETEEN FORTY FINE, THE FISCAL INEQUITY STILL TROUBLED HIM- "WHEN THEY VOTED THEMSELVES ALL THOSE STIFF RAISES IN WAGES /IN WASHINGTON/ THEY OVERLOODED G-MAN HOOVER. RMF."

HOWEVER, WINCHELL OCCASIONALLY BRIGHTENS THE FISCAL PICTURE, AS WHEN HE REPORTS THAT "J. E. HOOVER, WHOSE HAT WAS SWIPED AT HARVEY-S IN WASHINGTON, BET TWO DOLLARS ON A HORSE NAMED "LOST-A-HAT" AND WON THIRTEEN DOLLARS AND SEVENTY CENTS."

OF AN ANTI-LOGICIAN. IT GOES LIKE THIS- A- THE COMMUNISTS ATTACK J. EDGAR HOOVER B- ANYBODY WHO ATTACKS HOOVER IS A COMMUNIST. UNDOUBTEDLY IT HAS NEVER OCCURED TO WINCHELL THAT THE SAME FALLACY COULD BE APPLIED WITH MURDEROUS COUNTER- EFFECT- A- IN NINETEEN FORTY FOUR THE COMMUNISTS SUPPORTED THE RE-ELECTION OF ROOSEVELT B- WINCHELL IS A COMMUNIST BECAUSE HE ALSO SUPPORTED ROOSEVELT.

THE MOST SAVAGE INSTANCE OF WINCHELL PUNISHMENT FOR THE CRIME OF QUESTIONING THE WISDOM AND VIRTUE OF J. EDGAR HOOVER IS THE STORY OF MAX LOWENTHAL.

LOWENTHAL IS A MAVERICK LIBERAL WHO LONG AGO DEVELOPED THE THEORY THAT HOOVER-S FBI WAS NEITHER EFFICIENT, ENLIGHTENED NOR SACROSANCT. HE WAS TROUBLED BY WHAT HE REGARDED AS HOOVER-S STEADY USURPATION OF POWER, HE WAS DISTURBED BY FBI WIRE-TAPPING. HE WAS, PERHAPS MOST OF ALL, UNHAPPY OVER THE TIMIDITY OF HIGH-RANKING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS -- INCLUDING FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT -- TO RISK PUBLIC ARGUMENT WITH THE CHIEF G-MAN.

IN THE AUTUMN OF NINETEEN FIFTY LOWENTHAL PUBLISHED A BOOK EMBODYING YEARS OF RESEARCH ON THE FAILURES AND FOLLIES OF THE FBI. AS MOST REVIEWERS NOTED, THE BOOK HAD BOTH VIRTUES AND DEFECTS. IT WAS EARNEST, WELL-DOCUMENTED, AND UTTERLY COMMITTED TO AN INITIAL PREMISE. BUT AT THE VERY LEAST IT WAS A SERIOUS WORK DESERVING SERIOUS COMMENT. IN THE EYES OF BOTH WINCHELL AND THE FBI IT WAS HIGH TREASON.

BY AIR AND BY LAND, WINCHELL OPENED FIRE ON LOWENTHAL FOR WRITING "NOTHING MORE NOR LESS THAN A VICIOUS ONE-SIDED ATTACK ON J. EDGAR HOOVER." AT NO TIME DID HE CHALLENGE ANY OF THE FACTS SET FORTH IN LOWENTHAL-S WORK-- INCLUDING GRUESOME EXAMPLES OF FBI INEPTITUDE. INSTEAD HE DEMANDED THAT THE BOOK BE DISMISSED /OR BURNED/ ON THE SIMPLE GROUND THAT LOWENTHAL WAS A SINISTER FELLOW.

WINCHELL DID NOT ALLEGE THAT LOWENTHAL WAS A COMMUNIST OR A FELLOW-TRAVELLER. HE JUST DROPPED THE WORD THAT LOWENTHAL "KNEW" ALGER HISS AND LEE PRESSMAN /AS DID FDR/. HE "REVEALED" THAT AS EARLY AS NINETEEN FORTY LOWENTHAL HAD SHARPLY CRITICIZED THE FBI -- A REVELATION OF SOMEWHAT DUBIOUS IMPACT SINCE LOWENTHAL HAD NEVER HIDDEN HIS FEELINGS ON THE SUBJECT. AND FINALLY, AS A CLIMATIC DISCLOSURE, HE REPORTED-

"PROFESSOR ~~HAWKINS~~ ON THE LOS ALAMOS ATOMIC BOMB PROJECT DURING THE WAR HAS ADMITTED UNDER OATH HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. THE FBI HAS DISCOVERED THHAT PROFESSOR HAWKINS HANDLED DRAFT DEFERMENTS AND SECURITY REGULATIONS . . . DR. HAWKINS, UNDER OATH, TESTIFIED THAT BOTH HE AND HIS WIFE WERE CARD CARRIERS. HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW IS WILLIAM ~~SLOAN~~ OF WM. SLOAN ASSOCIATES -- THE PUBLISHERS OF MAX LOWENTHAL-S RECENT BOOK ATTACKING JOHN EDGAR HOOVER AND THE FBI."

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SUPREME EXAMPLE OF GUILT BY INVOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION WITH A BROTHER-IN-LAW WAS UNFURLED BY WINCHELL AS THE LAST WORD ON THE SUBJECT. IT WAS SUPPOSED TO RING DOWN THE CURTAIN ON ANY REAL DISCUSSION OF THE BOOK.

ABSURD AND ILLOGICAL AS WINCHELL-S CHARGES WERE, THEY WERE NEVERTHELESS CLEARLY CALCULATED TO TERRIFY BOOKSELLERS AND TO INVITE SUSPICION ON ANYONE WHO TOOK A RATIONAL VIEW OF THE VOLUME. SO SERIOUS DID WINCHELLS-S ASSAULT BECOME THAT THE ANTI-CENSORSHIP COMMITTEE OF BOOK PUBLISHERS COUNCIL FELT COMPELLED TO ISSUE A STATEMENT DECLARING- "MR WINCHELL-S CHARGES ARE SERIOUS AND, BEING WITHOUT SUPPORT, ARE UNFORTUNATE EXAMPLES OF THE USE OF THE SMEAR TECHNIQUE. AS SUCH THEY CONSTITUTE A DANGER TO FREEDOM OF PRESS AND SPEECH."

HOOVER AND WINCHELL HAVE PLAINLY MEANT A GREAT DEAL TO EACH OTHER AND THEIR ALLIANCE IS NOT AS GROTESQUE AS IT MIGHT INITIALLY APPEAR. THEY ARE BOTH MEN WHO ENJOY POWER MORE THAN WEALTH. THEY BOTH HAVE DEEP PERSECUTION COMPLEXES AND ARE ALWAYS VISUALIZING DARK CONSPIRACIES FASHIONED BY INVISIBLE ENEMIES. THEY BOTH HAVE GENUINELY FRENZIED IMPATIENCE WITH CRITICISM OF ANY SORT. THEY BOTH LOVE PLAYING COPS AND ROBBERS.

ALTHOUGH ENTIRELY REVERENT TOWARD HOOVER-S TALENTS AS AN INVESTIGATOR, WINCHELL NEVER UNDERESTIMATES HIS OWN- SOMETHING OF THE BOY G-MAN IN HIM MUST BE AT WORK AS HE CRUISES AROUND NEW YORK IN THE PRE-DAWN HOURS WITH A POLICE RADIO IN HIS CAR, MAKING HIS ROUNDS AS LEADER OF A WBI OF HIS OWN.

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WHO HAS BEEN USING WHOM/Q/

AS A NEWSPAPERMAN WINCHELL OBVIOUSLY FEELS THAT HE "OWNS" THE FBI. HE HAS RECEIVED SOME NOTABLE TIPS FROM THE AGENCY- MOMENTOUS FBI ANNOUNCEMENTS HAVE BEEN INTERMITTENTLY GEARED TO THE HOUR OF WINCHELL-S SUNDAY NIGHT BROADCAST SO THAT HE COULD BE FIRST WITH THE NEWS. HE HAS CERTAINLY BEEN GIVEN FIRST RIGHTS TO ALL DATA ON THE CARE AND FEEDING OF THE CHIEF G-MAN AND OTHER INTIMATE TIDBITS. HE BOASTS TO ASSOCIATES THAT HOOVER HAS A DIRECT TELEPHONE CONNECTION FOR HIM AND THAT HE NEED NEVER BE IN THE DARK WHEN THE FBI CAN SHED LIGHT. MANY OTHER REPORTERS ARE WILLING TO BE EQUALLY GENEROUS TO HOOVER IN RETURN FOR SMALLER FAVORS.

YET IN VIEW OF THE SERVICES WINCHELL HAS RENDERED ONE WONDERS WHETHER THE BARGAIN HAS FULLY PAID OFF. HE HAS NOT MERELY TAKEN UP HOOVER-S CAUSE AGAINST ALL HOSTILE CRITICS IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD- HE HAS FAITHFULLY FOUGHT HIS BATTLES FOR HIM WHEN HOOVER BECAME INVOLVED-AS HE OFTEN DOES-IN INTRA-GOVERNMENTAL FEUDS.

PERHAPS THE CHARACTERISTIC MOST COMMON TO BOTH MEN IS A SENSE OF INSECURITY AND NOWHERE ARE HOOVER-S JITTERS MORE FREQUENTLY REVEALED THAN IN WINCHELL-S COLUMN. AFTER INTERMINABLY DESCRIBING THE VARIOUS BIG-TIME OFFERS THAT HOOVER HAD REJECTED/AND NO DOUBT THERE HAVE BEEN MANY OF THEM/, WINCHELL ABRUPTLY ANNOUNCED ON JANUARY TWENTYTHIRD, NINETEEN FORTYSIX-"J. EDGAR HOOVER WISHES IT YELLED LOUD AND LONG THAT HE HAS NO PRESENT INTENTION OF RESIGNING FROM THE FBI." IT SOUNDED AS

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THOUGH THEY WERE BOTH AFRAID THAT TOO MANY PEOPLE AT THE WHITE HOUSE WERE HOPEFULLY AWAITING THE RESIGNATION.

DURING THE NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT CAMPAIGN THERE WERE UNVERIFIED REPORTS THAT, IF ELECTED, DEWEY WOULD FIRE HOOVER, PERHAPS ON THE THEORY THAT THE COUNTRY WOULD NOT NEED TWO SUPER-INVESTIGATORS IN HIGH PLACES. ON SEPT. NINTH WINCHELL CALLED SUCH REPORTS "BUNK," ADDING- "WE CAN STATE WITH AUTHORITY THAT GOV. DEWEY HAS THE HIGHEST REGARD AND RESPECT FOR THE G-MAN WHOSE REPUTATION REMAINS UNSTAINED AFTER NEARLY TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVING THE NATION."

THIS SEEMINGLY SETTLED IT BUT NOT QUITE. AFTER TRUMAN-S RE-ELECTION WINCHELL INDICATED THAT POSSIBLY IT HADN-T BEEN "BUNTK" AFTER ALL. IN A POST-ELECTION ANALYSIS OFFERED ON NOVEMBER NINTH WINCHELL WROTE- "MAYBE IT WASN-T THAT THE PEOPLE DIDN-T WANT TO SEE TRUMAN LOSE HIS JOB. THEY WERE PROBABLY JUST AS ANXIOUS TO MAKE SURE G-MAN HOOVER DIDN-T LOSE HIS."

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THERE ARE, OF COURSE, INTERMITTENT RUMORS OF FRICTION. ONE MAN WHO KNOWS HOOVER WELL/AND DISLIKES WINCHELL/ TOLD US RECENTLY THAT THE FBI CHIEF HAS "REGRETTE" THE EXTENT OF HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH THE COLUMNIST- THIS COULD BE TRUE OR IT COULD BE WISHFUL THINKING ON THE PART OF A WINCHELL FOE.

THE PUBLIC RECORD, IN ANY CASE, IS FULL OF LOVE AND KISSES.

ON MARCH TWENTY ONE, NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT, WINCHELL WAS ABLE TO PUBLISH THIS ARDENT LOVE-LETTER FROM THE HEAD OF THE FBI-

"DEAR WALTER- JUST A NOTE TO SAY HELLO. DO TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOURSELF AND DON-T OVERDO BECAUSE YOU ARE FAR TOO VALUABLE TO THE COUNTRY. YOU MUST REALLY GET A LOT OF SATISFACTINN NOW WHEN SO MANY OF YOUR "HYSTERICAL" ASSERTIONS AND PREDICTIONS ARE BECOMING ALL TOO REAL. SOME INDIVIDUALS MUST SURELY BE HAVING ACUTE HYDROPHOBIA IN HAVING TO RECOGNIZE FINALLY HOW TRUE YOU HAVE BEEN ALL ALONG. WITH BEST WICHES I AM. SINCERELY, JOHN".

SO MOVING A MONUMENT SHOULD STAND BY ITSELF BUT A COUPLE OF REMARKABLE THINGS ABOUT THE LETTER MUST BE NOTED. FOR ONE THING J. EDGAR HOOVER, WHO WORKS FOR HARRY S. TRUMAN, FELT NO HESITANCY ABOUT WRITING THIS NOTE AT A MOMENT WHEN WINCHELL WAS BLASTING AWAY AT THE WHITE HOUSE NIGHT AND DAY.

MOREOVER, OUR CHIEF G-MAN FOUND HIMSELF EXTOLLING THE SUPERIOR WISDOM AND PERCEPTION OF A MAN WHO, LESS THAN THREE YEARS BEFORE, HAD BEEN WARMLY BLESSING COMMUNIST-FRONTERS AND ANGRILY DENOUNCING ANYBODY WHO DARED TO QUESTION THE VIRTUES OF OUR RUSSIAN ALLY.

BUT TO RAISE THAT POINT IS TO INTRODUCE CRUELLY



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RATIONAL ELEMENTS INTO AN EPISODE OF COMRADESHIP THAT COULD ONLY HAPPEN HERE.

ANYWAY, WINCHELL HAS RECIPROCATED THESE EMOTIONS A THOUSAND-FOLD. IT WAS TO HOOVER THAT HE OFFERED, ON JULY FIRST, NINETEEN FORTY SIX, WHAT WINCHELL MUST HAVE REGARDED AS THE HIGHEST TRIBUTE MAN CAN PAY TO HIS FELLOW-MAN-

"BOODBY-HATCH INMATES NO LONGER THINK THEY ARE NAPOLEON. ACCORDING TO N. Y. STATE MEDICOS, THEY THINK THEY ARE J. E. HOOVER OR MAC ARTHUR."

WHAT GREATER LOVE HATH ANY MAN/Q/

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WALTER AND THE FBI

FROM THE PUBLISHED PAPERS OF WW

THE FBI IS DOING A LOYALTY CHECK ON ALL NEW YORK CITY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS. PART OF THE CHECK IS QUERYING THE PSYCHOLOGISTS /ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION/ ABOUT EACH PRINCIPAL, SINCE THE PSYCHOLOGISTS TRAVEL FROM SCHOOL TO SCHOOL . . . -- /APRIL 25, 1949/

J. E. HOOVER SQUELCHES THE REPORT THAT THE FBI IS PROBING THE LOYALTY OF LOCAL SCHOOL PRINCIPALS . . . -- /MAY 16, -949./

AFTER THIS COLUMN TIPPED THE N.Y. TEACHER RED SCANDAL LONG AGO, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION-S MR. JANSSEN DEMANDED A RETRACTION VIA THE MIRROR CHIEFS. HMF. -- /MAY 8, 1950./

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THE CIVIL DEFENSE PLAN JUST PUT FORTH BY THE DEPT. OF DEFENSE IS DANGEROUSLY NEAR A BLUEPRINT FOR AMERICAN FASCISM . . . THIS PLAN IS PART OF THE FORRESTAL-EBERHARDT /SIC/ PLOT TO TAKE OVER THE FBI. -- /NOV. 16, 1948./

BIG TALK IN THE CAPITOL IS THE COMPLETE FAILURE OF FERDINANO EBERSTADT TO GET J. EDGAR HOOVER KICKED "UPSTAIRS" -- MEANING OUT -- /FEB. 14, 1949./

F. EBERSTADT SENDS SUCH A NICE LETTER HE RATES GETTING HIS SIDE OF IT IN PRINT, ALTHOUGH HE DOESN-T WANT ANY CORRECTION OR ANYTHING WANTS YOU TO KNOW IT ISN-T TRUE HE TRIED TO GET G-MAN HOOVER FIRED. -- /FEB. 18, 1949./

THE LATEST COALITION TRYING TO GET J. EDGAR HOOVER FIRED IS HEADED BY AN EX-FCC HEAD. THE FEUD DATES TO THE TIME THE G-MAN REQUESTED A CHECK ON FINGERPRINTS OF LEFTISH MARINE WIRELESS OPERATORS.

-- /APRIL 11, 1949./

THE ROOSEVELT CHURCHILL CASABLANCA CONFERENCE CAUSED BY FEDERAL  
AUTHORITIES TO UNCOVER A LEAK SPOUTING FROM WASHINGTON . . . THE FEDS  
DROPPED THE RUMOR THAT ROOSEVELT AND CHURCHILL WERE OUT OF THE U. S.  
AND ENGLAND . . . TWENTY-FOUR HOURS LATER THE GERMAN SHORT-WAVE SENT IT  
OUT OVER THE AIR . . . THEN THE FEDS CIRCULATED A PHONY RUMOR THAT THE  
MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE IN CANADA . . . THE GERMAN SHORT-WAVE  
RADIO ANNOUNCED THIS, TOO. . . HOW THE FEDS MANAGED TO DO IT IS THEIR  
SECRET, BUT AS A RESULT -- THEY TRAPPED TWENTY-TWO MEN, SOME OF WHOM  
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ARE SAID TO BE HIGH IN U. S. GOV-T CIRCLES. --/FEB. 8, 1943./

A WEEK AGO IN THIS SPACE THE OPENING PARAGRAPH DEALT WITH COUNTER-  
ESPIONAGE EFFORTS OF FEDERAL AUTHORITIES ON THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE  
PRESIDENT. A WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT WIRED A STATEMENT THAT THE STORY  
"WAS REPUDIATED BY THE F.B.I." . . . HOW CAN SOMEONE  
REPUDIATE THAT WHICH WAS NEVER ATTRIBUTED TO THEM/Q/ . . . OUR  
PARAGRAPH NEVER MENTIONED THE F.B.I. . . . IT DIDN-T SAY THE F.B.I.  
TOOD ANYBODY UNTO DUSTODY NOR DID IT MENTION /AS BEFITS NEWSPAPER  
ETHICS/ ANY SPECIFIC SOURCE . . . PRAISE THE LORD -- AND CHECK THE  
INFORMATION.. --/FEB. 15, 1943./

GOERING ONCE SAID, BETWEEN CHUCKLES, WHEN GERMANY WAS ACCUSED  
OF SPYING . . . T. "WE DON-T NEED SPIES TO FIND OUT WHAT YOU ARE PLANNING  
AND DOING. WE MERELY READ THE AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES/."  
--/MAY 17, 1950./

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FUGITIVE COMMUNIST GERHARDT EISLER KNEW THAT THE BATTERY ON WHICH  
HE STOWAWAYED\* WOULD F  
IVE HIM REFUGE . . . EISLER, HOWEVER, IS BEING  
BROUGHTAEXXIBX BACK TO ENJOY THE LUXURY OF A FEDERAL PRISON, IF  
CONVICTED. . . - / MAY 17, 1949./

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GERHARDT EISLER-S LAMENT- "DOWN WITH AMERICAN GENDARMES AND DOWN WITH THEIR BRITISH HELPERS/ // " /THEY-LL BE DOWN TO GETCHA IN A WAGON, HONEY/ -- /MAY 22, 1949./

NOBODY REALLY EXPECTED BRITAIN TO SEND EISLER BACK. THEY NEVER RETURN ANYTHING. -- /MAY 30, 1949./

THE GERHARDT EISLERS /HIS 3RD FRAU/ HAVE ATOMIC-D. HIS 2ND WIFE IN STOCKHOLM TELLS TOWNERS THEY NEVER WERE MELTED AND THAT THE RED AGENT IS A BIGAMIST. --/NOV. 21, 1949./

STORY CREDITS WERE GIVEN AS FOLLOWS-

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ILLUSTRATIONS CARRIED THE QUOTED CAPTIONS-

"WINCHELL, HOOVER AND DIMAGGIO"

"A GAY GET-TOGETHER AT THE GOOD OLD STORK"

"HOVER IN MIAMI"

"AT WW-S PLAYGROUND."

"G-MAN HOOVER POINTS A PLAYFUL TOMMY GUN AT WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPION  
JIMMY BRADDOCK AS THEY WELCOMED IN THE NEW YEAR 1936 IN THE STORK CLUB.  
IN THE ROOM AT THE TIME WAS NOTORIOUS GUNMAN AND EX-CON TERRY REILLY--  
AND THIS AWFUL COINCIDENCE CAUSED J. EDGAR MUCH EMBARRASSMENT LATER.  
WINCHELL WAS THERE, TOO. THE SENATE HEARD ALL ABOUT IT IN A DEBATE  
ONCE.

"COLUMNIST WINCHELL AND G-MAN HOOVER"

"IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THEIR STORK CLUB ROMANCE."

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
DECEMBER 23, 1951

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Walter Winchell in his broadcast on Sunday evening, December 23, 1951, included the following items of possible interest to the Bureau.

WINCHELL:

New York City: Rudolph Walley, the counsel for the Kefauver Committee is expected to be the Government's star witness against Frank Costello at Costello's trial starting January 3rd.

COMMENT:

Costello is being tried for contempt of Congress. This is not a Bureau case.

WINCHELL:

Washington: General Vandegrift of the United States Marines is returning to active duty. He will be assigned to the Orient.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

WINCHELL:

Syracuse, New York: 18 prominent citizens of Syracuse go on trial January 7th. They are charged with embezzling a local bank of two million dollars.

COMMENT:

This involves a Bureau case entitled [redacted] et al., Syracuse Trust Company, Syracuse, New York, Federal Reserve Act. The Bureau had completed the investigation and this case is ready for trial.

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WINCHELL:

Washington, D. C.: ~~Martha Roundtree~~, the producer of Meet the Press, and the wealthy Baron D. Shenkel (phonetic) of the Swedish Embassy, Washington, have cancelled plans to wed.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

WINCHELL:

Miami Beach: ~~Martha Ray~~, the star, and her husband and little daughter were saved in a dramatic rescue at sea early today after their fishing boat far out at sea started to sink.

COMMENT:

None, This is for your information.

WINCHELL:

Athens: Another Nazi war criminal went free today, a holiday present from the King of Greece. Nazi General Alexander Andre (phonetic) is free after serving less than four years of a life term for wartime atrocities and massacres at Crete.

COMMENT:

None. The above is for your information.

WINCHELL:

Vienna: The four American flyers cannot be bailed out before Christmas Day. Budapest banks will not reopen until Thursday. The American Legation does not have \$120,000.00 for their fines in the safe.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

WINCHELL:

Hongkong: The Red Chinese have moved up heavy reinforcements to the French-Indo China border. They are the 43rd and 44th Chinese Communist Armies. All intelligence departments warn their top commands that a truce in Korea will mean all out attacks on Indo China.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

WINCHELL:

The State Department is rocking with shakeups, dismissals and resignations. Assistant Secretary of State Miller and Perkins have been asked to be released.

COMMENT:

Mr. Roach, who serves in a liaison capacity with the State Department, advises that there has been recent newspaper comment concerning the resignations of these two individuals.

WINCHELL:

Another big Federal scandal will center around the terrific profits made by a certain Washington lady. She is the wife of a chief in the U. S. Intelligence. It concerns the sale of an oil tanker. An investment of only \$10,000 gave this lady a profit of 192,000 bucks after paying taxes on capital gains.

COMMENT:

The Bureau has an investigation on ~~the~~ tanker Meehan, American Overseas Tanker Corporation, et al, Admiralty Matter." The New York Office is conducting the investigation of a civil action, wherein the Government is suing for forfeiture of that tanker on grounds the vessel although of American registry is actually owned by alien Chinese. The Overseas Tanker Corporation was organized by Congressman Joseph C. Casey of Massachusetts, and a number of prominent stockholders including Stetinius, Admiral Halsey, Casey and others. No woman is involved in this investigation. This organization bought and sold a number of



tankers; however, none can be identified with the facts as described by Winchell.

WINCHELL:

Moscow has not given the green light yet to George Keenan as our new Ambassador to Russia. Mr. Keenan is our top Russian authority.

COMMENT:

[REDACTED]

WINCHELL:

The next big income tax scandal will come out of Brooklyn.

COMMENT:

This is not a Bureau case. Yet, it is believed that Winchell's statement concerns one [REDACTED] of the Brooklyn Internal Revenue Office, who was relieved of his duties some time ago.

WINCHELL:

The House Un-American Activities Committee will make new headlines next month with a new expose on Communists. The witnesses involved were quietly served several subpoenas all last week.

COMMENT:

The Bureau is aware of the fact the HCUA has been checking into the infiltration of labor in the Detroit area; also, that the HCUA has contemplated reconvening hearings on Communist infiltration in the motion picture industry some time next year. However, it is not possible to tell which hearing Winchell was making reference.

WINCHELI:

Attention - The American Medical Association: I have information regarding one of Hitler's former helpers. He is now trying to get into this country to accept a teaching post at one of our universities. This Nazi's name is Doctor Kurt ~~Blome~~. He was once Deputy Chief of Hitler's Chamber of Medicine, a disgrace to the medical profession. This Doctor Blome, ladies and gentlemen, was tried in Germany for torturing prisoners of war to death in Nazi concentration camps. He got away with murder, having been acquitted at Nuremberg four years ago. Dr. Blome's appalling record of atrocities may be found in the book entitled "Doctors of Infamy." Some of his American friends are now trying to get the State Department to grant him a visa to enter the United States. Please ask your doctor to protest to the State Department. His name is Doctor Kurt Blome.

COMMENT:

Search of Bureau files reveals no investigation has been conducted on Kurt Blome. [However, G-2 furnished the Bureau a copy of "Scientific Intelligence Review" dated March 29, 1946, which set out the following background information:] (S-1)(u)

~~Blome, K. (Prof., Dr.)~~ (Interrogated) - He received a medical degree from Rostock University in 1921, and in 1931 joined the Nazi party. In 1934, he was called to Berlin by the Reichsarzte-fuhrer and at different times from 1934 to 1943 held a number of positions of an administrative nature. On April 30, 1943, an order from Goering appointed him director of cancer research. At the same time he also was selected to become Director of PW Research, and a member of the Plitzarbeiter Committee. (S-1)(u)

WINCHELL:

The Civil Rights Congress is planning another march on Washington some day next month. A demonstration for the repeal of the Smith Act which jailed so many American Reds. This outfit was once cited by the U.S. Attorney General as subversive.

COMMENT:

The Bureau through its informants has received advance information that the Civil Rights Congress does plan to have a demonstration in Washington, D.C., in January, 1962. The Bureau has disseminated all information concerning these plans of the Civil Rights Congress to the interested Government agencies, as well as including this information in the Current Intelligence Summary.

WINCHELL:

Washington: Just how serious the Truman administration is about cleaning house can be judged from this: after one of the President's friends, William E. Willett, was caught using Government influence in the RFC, his job was abolished. But Mr. Willett's was secretly put on the Navy payroll as a housing specialist at about \$12,000 a year. This type of action explains why New York Judge Tom Murphy decided not to take the clean up job offered him by the President. Judge Murphy knew the White House gang wanted to use his mustache as a brush for a political white wash.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

WINCHELL:

London: This week the Associated Press reported that high officials of the Allies were optimistic about avoiding the 3rd World War but the same story also noted that (quote) There are many ifs, and buts behind the belief an event could reverse the odds against a new war overnight. The same old double talk. The reason Russia is winning the 3rd World War is that too many of our high diplomats refuse to admit that it has started. Any sane person who reads the front pages every day cannot be optimistic about the possibility of world peace, especially American families whose sons didn't even make the list of prisoners.

COMMENT:

None. The above is for your information.

New York, N. Y.  
January 25, 1952

Mr. Hoover:

WALTER WINCHELL

When recently being interviewed by this office in connection with an extortion letter received by him [redacted]

was very complimentary to the Bureau and told the following story:

He said that he had recently received a telephone call from an executive of Hadassah, a Jewish women's organization in Philadelphia, who stated that they understood that [redacted] had issued a statement critical of the FBI's activities in connection with the Negro bombings in Florida and [redacted] had stated that the FBI was not diligent and not doing a conscientious job in the Florida bombings.

[redacted] said he told this Hadassah executive he had not made any such statement and that as a matter of fact, the FBI was doing an outstanding job in Florida. He further told this executive he had been down in Florida and had observed the FBI's efforts and that they had been working night and day in a most conscientious manner.

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New York, N. Y.  
January 25, 1952

Mr. Hoover:

While being interviewed the other day in connection with an extortion letter received by him, [redacted] volunteered the following information regarding the Josephine Baker incident at the Stork Club:

[redacted] said that [redacted] is apparently worried over this incident. According to [redacted] got in touch with [redacted] and told him [redacted] would like to shake hands and forget the incident and also wanted to have [redacted] and Josephine Baker as his guests for the evening at the Stork Club. [redacted] stated he refused the offer [redacted] as long as there was no guarantee that no discrimination would be practiced in the future at the Stork Club.

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[redacted] also said he had received a telephone call from Walter Winchell concerning the Josephine Baker incident and that Winchell talked to him over the telephone two hours and five minutes in a marathon tirade. According to [redacted] Winchell stated that for twenty-five years he had been a close friend of his and of the NAACP and a vigorous supporter of their policies but that now because of his support of the Stork Club's action in the Josephine Baker incident that he was being crucified by the NAACP and by newspapers like the New York Post. Winchell said that as a consequence if he (Winchell) were to go into Harlem now his blood would flow in the streets.

[redacted] stated that he told Winchell that it was Winchell's privilege to admit that he had made a mistake in the Stork Club incident. [redacted] stated that at the end of conversing, Winchell said "You probably have recorded this conversation and will crucify me further." [redacted] replied that there were no recording devices [redacted] and that he had never recorded any telephone conversation, but he said to Winchell, "I don't doubt though that you are recording the conversation for your own benefit." Winchell hesitated for a moment but did not deny [redacted] statement.

EDWARD SCHEIDT

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
JANUARY 27, 1952

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Walter Winchell in his broadcast on Sunday evening, January 27, 1952, included the following items of possible interest to the Bureau:

WINCHELL:

~~The Washington Ticker: Federal corridor opinion is that Alger Hiss will not get a new trial.~~

COMMENT:

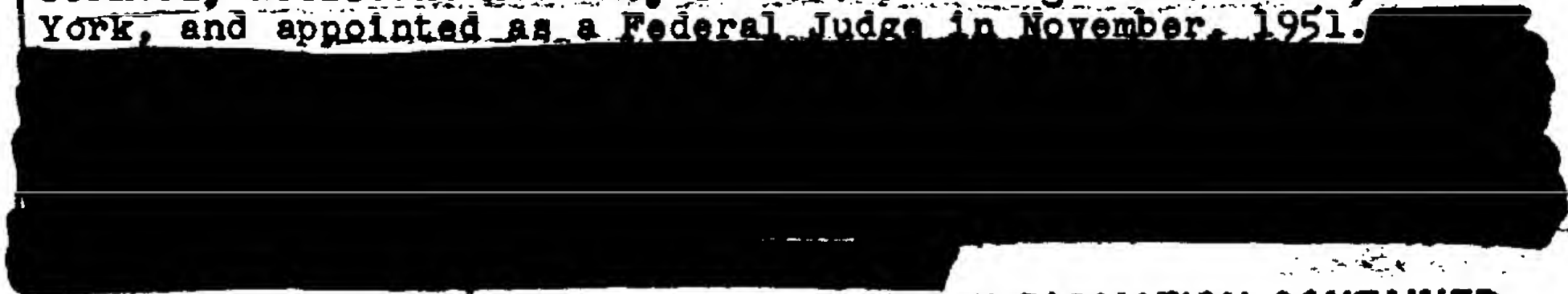
As you are aware, a motion for a new trial has been made by Attorney Chester T. Lane for Alger Hiss on the basis of new evidence. A hearing on this motion has been set for February 4, 1952, before U. S. District Judge Henry W. Goddard in New York.

WINCHELL:

A Federal Judge awaiting for Senate confirmation now is in for great trouble because he is an intimate of U. S. Attorney General McGrath.

COMMENT:

This comment may refer to David N. Edelstein, formerly Assistant Attorney General in charge of Customs, New York, and appointed as a Federal Judge in November, 1951.



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WINCHELL:

The U. S. Government will rest its year long case against the Communist Party very soon. If the Subversive Activities Control Board decides that the Government is right all known Communists over here will be put in jail.

COMMENT:

According to William A. Paisley, Attorney in the Criminal Division of the Department and in charge of the Government's case against the C. P. before the Subversive Activities Control Board, the Government's case will be completed shortly after March 1, 1952. Vito Marcantonio, Attorney for the C. P. has stated it will take him approximately two months for rebuttal testimony. If and when the Board rules in favor of the Government and no appeal is taken, members of the C. P. will have to register. But, under provisions of the law, a considerable period of time will have to elapse before the individual members can be prosecuted for failure to register.

WINCHELL:

A reporters report to the people: Attention Washington Post. A top secret around the White House since last September is this one. The President has cooperated very quietly with the authors of an upcoming book which will be called "Mr President - The 32nd President of the U. S." The authors are William Hillman and Alfred Wagg (Waag). It will have a fantastic first printing 125,000 at \$5.00 a copy. Published by Farrar and Straus, "Mr. President" includes Mr. Truman's own diary, personal memoranda, letters and secret documents. He allowed Mr. Hillman to do this book because Hillman predicted his election in 1948. Co-author Wagg was allowed to hide in closets during the White House press conferences to take photographs with special electronic equipment.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

WINCHELL:

San Francisco: Gerhardt ~~Stalberg~~ (Stalburg) the new German Consul General out here has a record just as smelly as his predecessor Captain Fritz Wiedemann. This ~~Stalberg~~, ladies and gentlemen, was Herr Von Ribbentrop's chief lawyer. He wrote the opinions encouraging the Nazi plans for race extermination. How the U. S. State Department ever accepted

this assistant and Hitler's mass murders is another administration mystery. To the Department of State files will confirm me. German foreign office 2156 and 2157.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

WINCHELL:

Washington Post: The U. S. Department of Justice has just flashed the green light for a Federal Grand Jury to investigate racketeering in New York. This new investigation against the underworld will be in full swing by next month.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

WINCHELL:

San Francisco Call - Bulletin: A member of the Socialist Workers Party will enter the University of California to organize a campus group of pinko's. This Socialist Workers Party is listed as subversive by the Attorney General of the U. S.

COMMENT:

The Socialist Workers Party has recently had factional difficulties, one group breaking away from the parent group. Recruitment efforts have been intensified to compensate for this loss of membership including plans formed to recruit at the University of California, Berkeley, California, by sending a member of the Party to the University for recruitment purposes.

WINCHELL:

Los Angeles Examiner: California newspapers should do something about the new outfit out there which calls itself "America Plus." It has the support of the most notorious professional bigots on the west coast. A real menace.

COMMENT:

"America Plus" is a comparatively new so-called patriotic organization formed in California, with Jack B. Tenney, former head of the Tenney Committee (California State



Un-American Activities Committee) as one of the leaders. The "Daily Worker," east coast Communist newspaper, has referred to this organization as composed of reactionary individuals. At the request of the Department, an inquiry is being conducted concerning this organization.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
JANUARY 20, 1952

DATE: January 21, 1952

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

Walter Winchell in his broadcast on Sunday evening, January 20, 1952, included the following items of possible interest to the Bureau:

**WINCHELL:**

New York City: The grand jury which indicted Frank Costello, Joe Adonis and Frank Erickson for contempt was called back into secret session on last Saturday.

**COMMENT:**

None. This is for your information.

**WINCHELL:**

Hollywood: The House Un-American Activities Committee has a big shock for many people in glamour town. Many of the witnesses will be recalled - new evidence.

**COMMENT:**

The Bureau is closely following and is aware that the HCUA intends to reopen hearings relative to Communist infiltration of the motion picture industry early this year.

**WINCHELL:**

Washington: Senator McCarran arrives next week to blast open the Amerasia and Institute of Pacific Relations investigation.

**COMMENT:**

As you are aware, the Bureau is in close liaison with the McCarran Committee who has advised they are going to resume hearings relative to the IPR this week. They have

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indicated that they might call [REDACTED] and others who were implicated in the Amerasia case.

WINCHELL:

Washington: The FBI has just learned that the new leadership of the American Communist Party has been quietly taken over by Pettis Perry and Elizabeth Gurley Flynn. Both are awaiting trial right now on charges of plotting to overthrow the Government of the United States.

COMMENT:

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn - member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, USA, and Pettis Perry - member of the Alternate National Committee, have for the past two and one-half months been issuing statements in their names on behalf of the Communist Party. These two individuals have assumed the position of spokesmen for the Communist Party. Both are under indictment in New York City for conspiring to violate the Smith Act and their trial is set for March 3, 1952.

WINCHELL:

The Washington Ticker: People close to the President report that he will stand on the record against any Congressional probe. He will refuse a bi-partisan clean up. In short, any prosecution by the administration will be made by the administration itself.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

WINCHELL:

One of the tough and most powerful democratic senators will seek a public investigation of Max Lowenthal, a White House advisor. He was back of the plan to oust U. S. Attorney General McGrath and replace him with new dealer Justin Miller.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

WINCHELL:

For the Washington Post: Mr. Wiggins. This is the sort of undercover news that makes my kind of job exciting. His name is Irving Velson, V E L S O N. He was mentioned in recent McCarran Committee reports. On January 15th last, this Irving Velson, sure he wasn't seen, spent several hours inside the Russian Embassy, Washington, D. C.

COMMENT:



The Bureau is familiar with Velson's testimony before the McCarran Committee last fall in connection with his activity in the American Committee to Survey Labor Conditions in Europe.

WINCHELL:

International News Service: The next big trial of leading Reds charged with plotting to overthrow the country starts at Los Angeles next Monday, the 28th. William Schneiderman, who won a decision in the higher courts in 1943, is among the 15.

COMMENT:

The trial of 15 west coast Communist leaders who were indicted for conspiring to violate the Smith Act, including William Schneiderman, is scheduled to begin January 28, 1952. These leaders were recently reindicted, however, at this time the trial is still scheduled for January 28th next.

WINCHELL:

Philadelphia Enquirer: Pennsylvania Communists will help cry the free press rally to be held at the Hotel Whitaker, Philadelphia, January 25th.

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**COMMENT:**

A Committee for Freedom of the Press has been established in various cities throughout the country and rallies have been sponsored by this Committee for the purpose of gaining support for the "Daily Worker," east coast Communist newspaper, and other pro-Communist publications.

January 24, 1952

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. LADD  
MR. NICHOLS

Irving Hoffman called me and stated that the Los Angeles Mirror, which is starting the syndicated Post series on Walter Winchell beginning next Monday, has announced, "Coming Monday - Unmasking Walter Winchell," and that the series is "fair, factual and fascinating reading about Walter Winchell." I told Hoffman that I thought such statements were a lot of literary license. Hoffman stated that in connection with the article he is writing he just wanted to check with me to make sure that we had nothing on the Terry Riley who has been mentioned in the Stork Club incident in the articles on Winchell. I told him that we had nothing on a Terry Riley who was being sought for impersonating a G-man and as long as he worded his article as the allegation had been worded that I thought he would be safe.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. H.*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

cc - Mr. Nease

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- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
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January 30, 1952

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Mr. Walter Winchell  
Suite 801  
Roney-Plaza Hotel  
Miami Beach, Florida

AIR MAIL  
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Dear Walter:

On his network program last night Fulton  
Lewis, Jr. gave a very fine tribute to you and  
I thought you might be interested in having the  
exact statement he made concerning you and the  
vicious attacks made upon you recently in the  
New York Post.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

*Edgar*

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NOTE: The original text of Mr. Lewis' program was dictated  
to Mr. McGuire by Mr. Lewis' secretary.

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**EXCERPT FROM FULTON LEVIE, JR.'S BROADCAST  
JANUARY 29, 1953**

Before closing tonight I want to take time out to extend my personal condolences to a colleague of mine, Mr. Walter Winchell, who is ill in Florida and who left the air Sunday night for a month on doctors' orders. I have disagreed with him many times on many things, particularly in years gone by, but he has my deepest sympathy on this occasion because actually his condition is the result of a war of nerves that has been waged against him by reds and their pinkish friends because of his outspoken opposition to Communism and Communists. Among the open attacks was a vicious and venomous series of articles in the leftish New York Post a week or so ago which were sheer slander and calumny. I suggest to Mr. Winchell, however, that he not take the series too much to heart because of the source. They did an equally vicious and untrue series on me a couple of years ago. In any event, I hope he recovers soon and well and gets back on the firing line with the rest of us who are determined that Communism is going to be stamped out in the United States regardless of what it takes. We're glad to have him with us.

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D. H. Ladd

February 7, 1952

A. H. Belmont

**COVERAGE OF WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
FEBRUARY 3, 1952**

As you know, in his broadcast of Sunday, January 27, 1952, Mr. Winchell announced that due to illness he was taking a leave of absence from all professional activities for at least a month. No reference was made to any substitute. However, it was announced during the past week that Stewart Alsop, Washington news analyst, would take Mr. Winchell's place on Sunday, February 3, 1952.

As of possible interest you are advised that at the outset of the broadcast of February 3, 1952, reference was made to Mr. Winchell's illness and it was described as a virulent virus infection rather than a heart condition as was initially suspected. According to the announcer, Mr. Winchell's condition is improving daily. It was pointed out that this is the first broadcast Mr. Winchell has missed in twenty years.

Mr. Alsop was introduced as the coauthor of the widely syndicated Washington column, "Matter of Fact." He began his talk by stating that "the big behind-the-headline story in Washington is this . . . . President Truman has made up his mind not to run again . . . and unless he changes his mind, which is always possible, Truman will throw his whole weight behind the nomination of Governor Adlai Stevenson, of Illinois." Alsop, following the above statement, discussed several reasons why Mr. Truman did not want to run again. He stated that Mrs. Truman had no desire to spend another four years in the White House; that Truman has been trying hard for about a year to persuade his old friend Fred Vinson to run in his stead, but that Vinson has told Mr. Truman that he does not want to run; President Truman has eliminated from consideration as candidates in his place Senators Estes Kefauver and Paul Douglas, both of whom Truman intensely dislikes. Truman certainly considered backing Senator Robert

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Kerr of Oklahoma when he likes. Also followed with several observations on the Presidential political picture.

In a further discussion of national politics Mr. Alsop recalled a headline of last week when Mr. Truman called Senator Joseph McCarthy a liar. In fact counting the background of the story Mr. Alsop stated that according to McCarthy a young White House Assistant David Lloyd, was a dangerous subversive, and that actually McCarthy's charges were based on the fact that an eccentric great aunt of Lloyd's announced about 50 years ago, when she was about seventy, that she had joined the Communist Party. Alsop cited the above incident as an example of the type of politics today and then continued his discussion of politics to the end of the program. Actually, the President and McCarthy argued last week about Philco Wash, also a White House employee.

No announcement was made as to Mr. Winchell's replacement for next week or for the future.

**ACTIONS:**

The above is for your information. We intend to follow the program to determine the replacements for Mr. Winchell as well as to ascertain when Mr. Winchell will return to the air.

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TO : Mr. Tolson  
FROM : L. B. Nichols  
SUBJECT:

DATE: February 11, 1952

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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Harbo  
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Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

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Bert Sarazan with the Enders Advertising Agency, Baltimore, Maryland (Telephone Madison 3410, 901 Lake Drive, Baltimore) called at 12:35 PM today and in my absence talked with Wick. He said he simply wanted to know for his personal information how Walter Winchell is getting along and whether he is as ill as initially reported by the New York press. He said he thought the Director, you or I would be in the best position to know of Winchell's physical condition at this time.

Wick told him he felt certain we had no information other than appeared in the press. Sarazan then said he felt Winchell was a great guy and has done a great deal for the Bureau and "nothing should ever happen to that guy."

ACTION:

None, for information.

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- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Q. Tamm
- Mr. Mohr
- Miss Gandy
- Mr. Nease
- HOLLOWAY**
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Scatterday
- Mr. G. C. Gurnea
- Mr. Winterrowd
- Mr. Price
- Mrs. Henley
- Miss Jess
- Mrs. Davidson
- Ch. Clerk's Office
- Records Section
- Personnel Files
- Mechanical Sec.
- Ident. Division
- Technical Lab.
- Reading Room
- Mr. Laughlin
- Mr. Hennrich
- Mr. Cleveland
- M
- Mr. Baumgardner
- Mr. Branigan
- Mr. Keay
- Mr. Stanley
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- Mr. Ferris
- Foreign Serv. Desk
- Mr. Callan
- See Me
- Call Me
- Mr. Nichols - Appropriate action
- Mr. Belmont - Note & return
- Mr. Clegg - Send file
- Mr. Glavin - Bring up-to-date
- Mr. Harbo - Correct
- Mr. Rosen - Re-date
- Mr. Tracy - Please initial
- Mr. Laughlin - & return
- Mr. Mohr - Place on record
- Tele. Room - & return
- Mr. Homan - Place on record
- Miss Gandy - Per conversation
- Advise status
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TO : D. M. Ladd

DATE: February 11, 1952

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: COVERAGE OF WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
FEBRUARY 10, 1952

As you know Mr. Winchell is ill and ceased all broadcasting and reporting activities two weeks ago. was replaced on his February 3, 1952 broadcast, by Stewart Alsop, Washington news analyst.

As a matter of possible interest you are advised that on February 10, 1952, vocalists Frank Sinatra and Jo Stafford substituted for Mr. Winchell. The program was transcribed and consisted solely of musical renditions.

It was announced during the program that Mr. Winchell's health was improving and he would return to the air soon.

ACTION:

None. The above is for your information. We will continue to follow the program.

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TO : D. M. Ladd *YLV*

DATE: February 18, 1952

FROM : A. H. Belmont *AB*

SUBJECT: COVERAGE OF WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
FEBRUARY 17, 1952

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Winterrowd	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

As you know Mr. Winchell is ill and ceased all broadcasting and reporting activities two weeks ago. He was replaced on his February 3, 1952, broadcast, by Stewart Alsop, Washington news analyst.

As a matter of possible interest you are advised that on February 17, 1952, vocalist Bing Crosby substituted for Mr. Winchell. The program consisted solely of musical renditions.

It was announced during the program that Mr. Winchell's health was improving and he would return to the air soon.

ACTION:

None. The above is for your information. We will continue to follow the program.

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# Office Memo.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: March 10, 1952

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: COVERAGE OF WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
March 9, 1952

Walter Winchell returned to the air on March 9, 1952, after an absence of five weeks caused by illness. During his program he acknowledged the letters and get-well cards he had received and mentioned that his illness was not an ailment of the heart, as first suspected, but rather a "mean case of virus".

In his broadcast he included the following items of possible interest to the Bureau:

WINCHELL:

New York Police Headquarters: The latest news on the murder of the Willie Sutton fingerman, Arnold Schuster - the police are now looking for a triggerman connected with the Jersey waterfront mob. The assassination, they now say, might not be a Willie Sutton vengeance. It might not be a Willie Sutton vengeance but a warning to John De Venuta not to sing about the waterfront activities of "Scup" Kling. Kling, one of Sutton's partners in the Sunnyside holdup, is a top man in the Jersey waterfront rackets.

New York City: The killing of young Schuster has already cleaned the town of most hoodlums. Veteran detectives report that they have not seen a single mobster in their usual haunts since 10:15 last night.

New York City: The police have just debunked the report that Fred Tenuto, a Sutton pal, was seen in Brooklyn shortly before the Schuster murder.

To the New York Mirror: John De Venuta, one of the Willie Sutton gang, will take the stand for the State against his pals. De Venuta, in a deal with the District Attorney, will not be prosecuted.

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COMMENT:

As you are aware, Arnold Schuster, age 24, was the individual who made the identification of William Francis Sutton which led to his arrest in Brooklyn, New York. Shortly thereafter Thomas Anthony Kling, alias "Scup" Kling, was also taken into custody. Schuster was slain on the street near his home in Brooklyn on the night of March 8, 1952. Nine possible extortion letters, received by Schuster, which had previously been referred to the New York City Police Department and turned down by them as "crank letters" were made available by Schuster's attorney to the New York Division of this Bureau on February 25, 1952. The New York Division is conducting an investigation of these letters at this time. Frederick J. Tenuto is one of the Ten Most Important Bureau Fugitives and is wanted for Unlawful Flight to Avoid Confinement-Murder. He escaped in February, 1947, from the Philadelphia County Prison at Holmesburg, Pennsylvania, with four other men, one of whom was Willie Sutton.

WINCHELL:

New York City: Although the police have denied finding any leads in the Sol Rosenblatt shooting, I hear he has given them several clues. An early break in that case is now expected.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

WINCHELL:

Baltimore: Six persons arrested by the FBI for violation of the Smith Act go on trial here tomorrow. Maryland Reds can expect a very great shock.

COMMENT:

As you are aware, Phil Frankfeld, Regina Frankfeld, Le Roy Wood, George Meyers, Dorothy Blumberg, and Maurice Braverman will go on trial on March 10, 1952, at Baltimore for violation of the Smith Act.



WINCHELL:

New York City: Frank Costello goes on trial for a second time. The last trial ended in a hung jury. The government will spring a surprise female witness in the Frank Costello case.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

WINCHELL:

Essen, Germany: A new spy ring made up of German steelmen in the American Zone will be arrested at any hour. They turned up secret American formulas to the Reds.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

WINCHELL:

The Washington Ticker: Justice Tom Clark of the Highest Court will be called to the stand to explain his appointment of Lamar Caudle.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

WINCHELL:

The Washington Ticker: The severely damaged Lattimore defense will be confronted by its own recommendations for pinko appointments some time next week.

Now to Beat the Red Hand around the Clock: Washington Post: the McCarran Committee will depart from Senate tradition in the Lattimore Case. It will say that Lattimore has not told the whole truth and will recommend criminal action.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

WINCHELL:

The Washington Ticker: Washington politicians consider that New York's Newbold Morris is boxed. His advisors have told him to break a few big cases and not try to get them all.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

WINCHELL:

Mexico City Herald, attention: A man by the name of Bruno Paglii, an American who became an Italian citizen, is considered a mysterious international figure. He is now heavily outbidding American motor car companies in Mexico for big Italian combines which are getting U. S. money on the Marshall plan.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

WINCHELL:

New York City: The Special Grand Jury now investigating rackets will come up soon with a bunch of income tax indictments. Some of them will involve prominent New York businessmen. This tip may be confirmed next week.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

WINCHELL:

A Reporter's Report to the People: The United States Air Force has just ended a disgraceful six months contact with a doctor named Walter P. Schreiber. This doctor, Ladies and Gentlemen, was a Nazi general and the Chief of a German military medical academy. He supervised the atrocious experiments on human beings in Nazi concentration camps. He was here for six months as a teacher at the Air Force Medical School, Randolph Field, Texas. Now, they say, he is being sent back to Germany. Secretary of Defense Lovett, why don't you investigate this case at once and find out who hired this louse?

COMMENT:

None, this is for your information.

WINCHELL:

International News Service: Another Communist leader has disappeared. He is not among the indicted. Betty Gannett, one of the top Reds on trial, is his very dearest friend, as the saying goes. His initials-JT.

COMMENT:

As you are aware,  
Betty Gannett is the National Educational Director of the Communist Party, USA. The person referred to is undoubtedly her husband, James Tormey.

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His whereabouts have been unknown since November, 1951. Betty Gannett is scheduled to go on trial at New York on March 31, 1952. New York has been advised of Walter Winchell's statement.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD  
FROM : A. H. BELMONT  
SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
MARCH 16, 1952

DATE: March 17, 1952

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The announcement was made that Walter Winchell had suddenly become ill just before air time and that he had requested Mr. Richard Stark to read the material he had prepared. The script as read by Mr. Stark contained the following items of possible interest to the Bureau:

ITEMS:

Reno, Nevada: The Redfield safe stolen two weeks ago containing a million and a half dollars was found at the bottom of a deserted mine tonight near Reno. The safe - empty!

Tips to the Papers: The Reno State Journal: The FBI may be ready to release the complete story on the Redfield Robbery next week. The comedy relief will amuse the nation. The Tax Department, however, will enjoy the biggest laugh.

Washington Bulletin: The FBI announced tonight it had arrested Mrs. Marie Jeanne D'Arc Machaud at Flagstaff, Arizona in possession of fifty thousand dollars and that much of the money came from the one and a half million dollar burglary of the Redfield home at Reno, Nevada. J. Edgar Hoover said that Mrs. Machaud was an acquaintance of Redfield's.

COMMENT:

As you are aware, the home of Mr. Laverne Redfield was burglarized for a million and a half dollars on February 29, 1952. Bureau agents arrested Mrs. Machaud, age 36, at Flagstaff on March 16, 1952, for conspiracy to transport property across state lines. She was located on the California Limited enroute to Chicago. She is an acquaintance of Mr. Redfield's and claims to be a song writer and author of short stories.

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ITEM:

New York: Police are looking for a husky blond youth about six feet tall and weighing 200 lbs. wanted for questioning in the Schuster murder. Police want to know who he is. In the pictures taken at Schuster's grave he is the only person unidentified.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

ITEM:

Honolulu: The trial for the seven Communist leaders of Hawaii set for the eighteenth has been postponed until April the first.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

ITEM:

Washington: The Mc Carran Committee released another sizzling report tonight on the United Public Workers of America headed by Abe Flaxer. The report tells of a speech by Flaxer made at a secret Communist meeting. This pinko group has attacked the FBI for years.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

ITEM:

The Washington Ticker: Another big tanker deal will be on the next tidal wave of scandal in Washington.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

ITEM:

The Washington Ticker: Sam Becker, New York lawyer, will become Chief Counsel to Newbold Morris tomorrow. Newbold Morris is not through on Capitol Hill. Congressional leaders will give him a chance to explain one thing - whose influence got Truman to appoint him clean-up man. Max Lowenthal is suspected.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

ITEM:

Mr. and Mrs. United States: No American has the right to be cynical but every American has the right to be a sceptic. It's the duty of the Press to notify the People when they are being cheated. But it's their high privilege to notify the dirty politicians that they are not getting away with it. The greatest and the filthiest trade union in the world has nothing to do with labor, it's the slimy alliance between the crooked politicians of both parties. The Bi-partisan Policy on foreign affairs is brand new compared with the one protecting domestic corruption. That's why the big income tax investigation is stalling to a halt, not because it has found nothing but because it has found too much. The Republicans tell you that corruption is the issue, but, very strangely, they are the ones blocking the clean-up of Republican Newbold Morris. The Democrats shout that they will clean house but the Congressional Committee is merely going through the motions at probing the Democrat's Treasury Department. The answer is very simple - No matter what emblem a party hack wears, the dollar sign is the way to his heart.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

ITEM:

Washington: Last Sunday night I summoned your attention to a Nazi doctor named Doctor Walter Schreiber. He served Hitler well in concentration camps where so many people were murdered.

This Schreiber was brought over here to teach at Randolph Field on a six-months contract until some of us yelled our heads off. This is to salute Secretary Finletter for the quick action. Doctor Schreiber, as promised, will be chased back to Germany.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

ITEM:

A Reporter's Report to the People: Havana: The United States Good Neighbor Policy is caving in. Very significantly Communist newspapers in a satellite nation predicted Batista's coup three days before it happened. American Intelligence was caught flat-footed again as it was at Bogota when the Colombian riots were staged. Oddly enough big American sugar interests and the Reds are supporting Batista. Seven South American countries are now dictatorships. The State Department is temporarily withholding recognition because Batista's foreign secretary is a Fellow Traveler. A terrific showdown is due in the United States Senate. The State Department headache is this - if Batista's military coup is recognized, then Red China's Case is complete before the United Nations.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

ITEM:

Tips to the Papers: The New York Journal American: The death sentence for both Rosenbergs is expected to be upheld this week. U. S. Intelligence believes they also gave the Reds our anti-aircraft fuse. It's drenching Korea with American blood.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

DEAR JOHN, CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN ON YOUR THIRTY FIFTH  
ANNIVERSARY WITH THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT YOU MUST BE VERY  
PROUD. BUT SO ARE YOR FRIENDS

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Mr. Walter Winchell  
New York Mirror  
235 East Forty-fifth Street  
New York 17, New York

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Dear Walters:

I wanted you to know how deeply I appreciated your thoughtful telegram on the occasion of my 35th anniversary in the Department of Justice. It seems like only yesterday that I entered the Department. It hardly seems possible that the years have gone so rapidly and so much has occurred.

My real source of satisfaction comes from the loyal, sacrificial efforts of the men and women of the FBI who have done their utmost over the years, along with the helpful assistance of friends like yourself who have done more than they will ever realize to support the FBI when it needed support and to aid us when we needed assistance.

The friendships of the years and the satisfaction of knowing that you have done your best, in the final analysis are just about the greatest sources of compensation that a man can have. I count you high on this list.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc: Mr. Jones

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YOU HAVE ALL BUT REMOVED FEAR FROM THE MIND OF EVERY  
AMERICAN GOD BLESS YOU JOHN

WALTER WINCHELL JR

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EX-25 Mr. Walter Winchell, Jr.  
Scarsdale, New York

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Dear Walter:

Thank you for your telegram of  
July 28, 1952, on the occasion of my Thirtieth  
fifth Anniversary with the Department of  
Justice.

It was indeed thoughtful of  
you to remember me at this time, and I am  
very grateful for your kind message.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Salutation per Mr. Nichols' Office.  
Address per previous correspondence.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: August 19, 1952

TO : Mr. Ladd  
FROM : L. B. Nichols  
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- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Winterrowd
- Miss Gandy

I am attaching a tickler of our letter to Walter Winchell. The Director desires that this copy be exhibited to General Bedell Smith for his information. The copy of course should not be left with him but this should merely be shown to him.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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At Los Angeles, California  
August 12, 1952

PERSONAL

AIR MAIL

Mr. Walter Winchell  
New York Mirror  
235 East 45th Street  
New York 17, New York

Dear Walter:

In going over your column this morning, I observed the reference "The FBI and CIA say such profane things about each other - even Pravda couldn't print them."

I wanted to be certain that you have not been imposed upon because insofar as the FBI is concerned, there is no basis for such a statement. While, of course, I cannot speak for CIA and I do not know exactly what the CIA feelings might be, I do know that the FBI does not entertain any such thoughts regarding CIA as might be implied in your column.

I regret that due to matters over which we have no control, I have not had an opportunity of seeing you for a long time. I hope that in the near future our paths will cross.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

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DATE: August 15, 1952

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S COLUMN,  
WASHINGTON POST, AUGUST 11, 1952

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You will recall that Winchell's column appearing in the Washington Post, August 11, 1952, carried a comment reading, "The FBI and CIA (Central Intelligence Agency) say such profane things about each other--even Pravda couldn't print them."

You will also recall that you transmitted a letter dated August 12, 1952, to Mr. Winchell, advising him that, insofar as the FBI is concerned, there is no basis for the statement appearing in his column. In accordance with your instructions, a copy of that letter was shown to General Smith by Liaison Agent Papich.

General Smith advised Papich that a few CIA officers, expressing some concern, had directed his attention to the Winchell comment. He stated that he personally did not attach much significance to the comment, primarily because he felt that the relations between the CIA and the FBI are not of a nature to give rise to any such statements. He added that he knew of no situation or incident which might have given rise to Winchell's statement. (S-1) (X) u1

General Smith advised that he appreciated very greatly the Director's attitude as reflected in the letter directed to Winchell. He stated that CIA was not making any type of inquiry in order to ascertain the basis for Winchell's comment. He advised that, if the Bureau developed any information indicating that CIA personnel might be responsible in any way, he would appreciate receiving the pertinent details. General Smith stated that, as far as he was concerned, the CIA and the Bureau undoubtedly would have differences from time to time, and he commented, "I think we are big enough to settle our problems like men." General Smith then made the following comment regarding newspaper columnists. He stated that he personally was afraid of Winchell and Pearson and made a point of not getting involved with them. He commented that Pegler was "dangerous" but "I think I can handle him." With regard to Pegler, Smith indicated that he apparently has had some dealings with him and felt that he was in a position to prevent Pegler from giving the CIA any serious trouble. (S-1) (X) u1

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Memo from D. M. Ladd to the Director  
8-15-52 , Re: WALTER WINCHELL'S COLUMN, WASHINGTON POST,  
August 11, 1952

ACTION:

In the event information is received indicating that CIA personnel may have been responsible for the Winchell comment, it is suggested that General Smith be informed via Liaison channels. (S-1) (X) (u)

Smith's office

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# Walter Winchell

.... OF NEW YORK

## Man About Town



Rosemary Clooney tells the busybodies she is in Chicago to make recordings, but the real reason would make headlines. Another married headliner... F. Sinatra and wife Nancy are planning private talks to be held here... Mrs. George S. Patton, the General's widow, has a Wall Streeter breathlessly awaiting her decision... Gussie ("Panties") Moran, the tennistar, has a new heart throb. Hotel-lionaire Ed. Crowley... J. Di-Maggio bought a tiny trailer (to tag onto his Cadillac) so Marilyn can have some privacy... Barristers are puzzled because no warrant was sworn out against the maid who made the "sex parties" accusation in the Billy Rose boomerang.

**The Election Line:** Last Friday a prominent publisher offered \$50,000 (at 5 to 4) on Eisenhower—with no takers... They are booming Winthrop Aldrich (chief of Chase Nat'l Bank) as Ike's Sec'y of the Treasury... Gov. Warren's intimates say he is interested "only in the Attorney-Generalship and then being up'd to the High Court"... Stevenson's set says when B. Baruch went abroad he was for Ike. But when Baruch returned he told reporters he hadn't made up his mind. They interpret this as Baruch's "shift from Eisenhower"... F.D.R.'s friends are again "in the saddle" of the Democratic Party. Their current joyous crack is: "We no longer feel like White Russians!"... When Gov. Stevenson (at the convention) was informed: "The President will support you," he moaned: "Ohmygahd!"

Beauteous blonde Countess de Corba (one of Europe's wealthiest clans) is in Las Vegas—and not for any dice tossing. She's tossing away her husband... The Yankees will omit teevy for tonight's game—just to see how many care. They blame the poor biz on it... Probers are very close to another mess in sports (pro football) all over the land.

**The Washington Ticker:** The FBI and CIA (Central Intelligence Agency) say such profane things about each other—even Pravda couldn't print them... Contrary to the general report, Elliott Roosevelt has an "in" in Habana... Our revelation about Ambassador O'Dwyer (considering staying in Mexico) will stand up. He has no plans for permanent return... If Harriman runs for the Senate it'll be the tip-off that Stevenson (who was impressed by her speech at the convention) would consider Mrs. FDR for Acheson's post. But would she be confirmed?... The Mrs. India Edwards-Frank McKinney feud is hotter'n Washington's weather.

Ethel Barrymore's son (John Drew Colt) has forsaken the family trade of acting to become (of all things!) an agent... Wm. Warfield and Leontyne Price (both in the touring "Porgy & Bess") will merge any no-matinee... Joan Crawford, star of "Sudden Fear," owns 43 percent of it... Paul Fitzpatrick (N. Y. State Chairman for the Dems) and Dorothy Wilson (the Indianapolis milk heiress) looked veddy Demoo-cratic at the Embers. Mucho Hot romantico... The trade hears Reader's Digest is about ready with a blast against chlorophyll. Drug trade execs are worried. Good House-keeping hasn't given its blessings, either... The Aug. 6th Celebrity Bulletin has skewp. Says Playwright Fere sailed via the Queen did sail it was in y died last Winter.

graine headaches are only beginning... U. S. Attorney Myles J. Lane's blast—as the "worst offender" among several local chiselers (gouging and over-charging gullible patrons)—is only the overture... One of the bosses is no stranger to the authorities... When two desperados escaped from Great Meadows Prison (sometime ago) the d.a. here investigated allegations that El Punko had harbored the fugitives following their escape... At this time, his peculiar manipulations interested the Income Tax people. They caught him in tax trickery and nailed him for \$200,000, which he paid to avoid prison... Dis't Att'y Hogan will find some interesting info on his desk about this cast of jerms when he returns from vacation. A newspaper working very quietly for several months gave the D.A.'s office the first crack "at performing a public service."

**The Cables:** No. 10 Downing Street stopped a scandal. Involves one of Winston's top cabinet, who will be named by a Mr. Fitzsimmons who wants to stop paying his gay wife yelli-money... Recently dumped King Leopold of Belgium and his wife (Princess Rethy) are dwelling apart... His uh-huh-ney is an Iberian Airlines hostess... Scott McKay and Joan Morgan, who met in the cast of "Born Yesterday" (the play), will wed ni Paree any Sabbath... Farouk will be turned down by Canada.

Look's "Can a Divorced Man Be Elected President?" arrives tomorrow... A weekly in the

midwest was ready to West Gov. Stevenson (because of his divorce) but the story was killed by a liberal prelate-friend of the nominee... Sucker Frederick Vanderbilt Field (backer of Commy-fronts and similar outfits) may follow ex-Commy leader Bella Dodd into the church... Red Leader Wm. Z. Foster, too ill to stand trial with the convicted 11 Communists, wrote a book during that time. He is a charity patient at a hosp... A columnist has discovered a short cut to the clinic. Bothering teen-age girls at the beach... The front page stories about Britain's "deadly nerve gas" (which kills in minutes) was tipped here months ago as paralysis gas... Billy Rose shouldn't complain. All Broadway showmen are having their worst summer.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD

DATE: August 25, 1952

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S COLUMN OF 8/25/52

*Handwritten notes and signatures on the right side of the page, including "Branigan" and "Walt".*

Supervisor Tom McAndrews, of the New York Division, called on the morning of August 25, 1952, to advise that Walter Winchell's column of August 25, 1952, in the New York Mirror carried three items of possible interest:

(1) that Roy Cohn, Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of New York will come to Washington as an Assistant to Attorney General McGranery;

(2) "Does the FBI know that a top Red (in the Soviet Embassy) has a New York apartment for his Dollpuss, an Hungarian import? Dwells happily with his wife in Washington between shrugs."

(3) "The G-Men collared a Red spy suspect in the office of the Division of Procurement of medical supplies for Armed Forces in the Brooklyn Building at Sands and Pearl Streets."

New York has previously advised that Cohn had been offered a job in Washington by the Attorney General. Mr. McAndrews said that the New York Office has no knowledge concerning items 2 and 3 and does not know to what Winchell is referring. He said the Army has expressed concern relative to item 3 and is checking to find out what Winchell is talking about.

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# Walter Winchell Of New York

## Man About Town

The International Loafer Set expects the Windsor Thing to blow sky-high. The Duchess won't listen to warnings about the character of her pet Parisian dives... Current Broadway odds on Ike: The bookies are Giving 6 to 5 and Taking 2... Stevenson money is showing up... T. Manville contacted the District Attorney's office (by phone) to inquire how to proceed against an Ex "threatening" him. Which Ex?... Mrs. Cole Porter is in an oxygen tent... Miguel Rooney is Having a Ball with Gloria Pall, a 38-bosom'd How-You-AM?... Virginia Mayo and Gene Nelson are a Hollywood Boy-Hates-Girl Dash... Esther Williams' 2-inch high "Ike" pin is worth its weight in diamonds... Ann Miller and Farley Granger are killing time between romances... They say Pasadena's Lewis K. Gough will be the American Legion's new Comdr... Erich Remarque's wife debunks the untrunors... Quip on the invicetigation: There hasn't been so much "sporting" news on the front pages since the World Series.

One of the better-known disc-jockeys may be questioned regarding call-girls he "introduced" to a notorious millionaire-playboy. Scandoll Nancy Hawkins, frinstance... The State likker board and Police License Bureau may jerk the permits of involved night spots for not keeping prostitootsies off the premises... Wags spell Jelke's name "Jailke." His double-life, they add, is a sort of a Jelke & Hyde... VIP (in Cafe Ssssociety) now stands for Very Important Pimpresario... Another teevy bit player (whose weekly apartment orgies are town-talk) has That Worried Look... But so has one of the "indignant" critics (of Sin) over at Time.

Opera star Conrad Thibault and rich socialite Mary Howes (her late pop was a Bath & Tennis prexy) are Lohengrinning... J. A. Hunter's "Hunter" is a Nov. choke of the Book of the Month... Insiders hear Joe DiMaggio can inherit the Yankee b'casts (next season) if he wants the Mel Allen job... Roy Sherwood (the insurance firm barrkter) and dauber Sheila Connors idol-eyes each other at Gilmore's... Mal Braveman (the catch among the B'way publicists) weds Gilda Golderos, a lovely senorita, any day. She's Social in Cuba and Puerto Rico. Met six weeks ago. Felicidad and Mahzeltoff!... Loew's State Theater mgr. Sam Pearlman's boy Stanley married one of pater's usherettes... Prince Kamel (cousin of Aly Khan) and show-gel Terry Taylor do their detchings at Tom's Caprice... Carrie Blodgett (heiress to a Christmas tree fortune) and CBS producer Pietro Arnell have each other on Pines & Needles.

The Cables: Barbara Payton is doing very well in London. The current date of the Earl of Warwick... Italian actress Lia di Leo is quoted (by chums) as saying she will sue movie star Robert Taylor for "breach of promise." He has money invested in Italy... Turkey is considering sending an ambassador to the Holy See... The flop of the lavish Chevalier Revue (in Parce) has cooled off some U. S. producers who were anxious to import Old Liverlip to N. Y... Jose Ferrer told reporters he's staying in Europe 18 months because he doesn't want Americans to get bored with him. I thawi praps it was to enjoy the ruling that if you stay away 18 months you don't have to pay all your taxes the way the rest of us do.

Don't-Call-Me-Madam-Dept.: One of the top men in the woolen industry (S. G.) was summoned to the D. A.'s office in the vice case... "Model" Pat Thompson's photo adorns the window of a del-cabessen near 57th St. and 7th. (Wotta Comedown!)... The town's top Moddern (I. M.) is laffing and quipping: "That's what happens--when amachas get into the racket!"... The law is looking for C. J. Her name, number and fee were found in Sam Chumpman's little book. The "C," which they thawi means \$100, is for "Chickle" ... The current Satevepost (page 32) includes "Simone of Paris," cleared by the cops after dating Sam... Al Fodor says there's no truth to the talk that "Polly" A. is suing the Social Register for giving The Oldest Profession "such a bad name"... Music Cue: "I Saw You Last Night and Got That Oleo Feeling!"

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A just-reissued "March of Time" has a ghostly effect on audiences. The theme is Hollywood's war effort (WW2) and stars John Garfield, Bob Benchley, Carole Landis and Tolson...Draft-Dodger Serge Rubinstein is reported to have purchased a 5th Avenue mansion (in the 60s) while landlords evict war vets daily...Latest thing in campaign buttons: Photos of the wearer and his candidate...Joe Louis threatens a suit (for \$100,000) against the zingy new mag, "Confidential." For including him in its thesis: "Athletes Are Lousy Lovers"...Mark Finley, the oilonaire, and Chicago dancer Patti Wilson wed at Fort Worth Sept. 18th...Motor car firms expect their top boom in '53. Caddies prakilly sold out now for that year...Large police dept shakeup again next month...The G-Man collared a Red spy suspect in the Office of Division of Procurement of Medical Supplies (for the Armed Forces) in the Eklyn bldg at Sands and Pearl Streets!...Rosemary Clooney and Jose Ferrer will marry in Oct. He is getting a divorce in Paris.

Headliners: "District Attorney Liebler Promises More Vice Case Names!"... "U. S. Attorney Myles J. Lane Will Prosecute Restaurant Price-Gougers and Chiselers!"... It's sure been a tough Summer for prostitutes and price-tituted.

# Walter Winchell

OF NEW YORK

## Man About Town



The International Loafer Set expects the Windsor Thing to blow sky-high. The Duchess won't listen to warnings about the character of her pet Parisian dives... Current Broadway odds on Ike: The bookies are Giving 6 to 5 and Taking 8... Stevenson money is showing up... T. Manville contacted the District Attorney's office (by phone) to inquire how to proceed against an Ex "threatening" him. Which Ex? ... Mrs. Cole Porter is in an oxygen tent... Miguel Rooney is Having a Ball with Gloria Pall, a 39-bosom'd How-You-All? ... Virginia Mayo and Gene Nelson are a Hollywood Boy-Hates-Girl flash... Esther Williams' 2-inch high "Ike" pin is worth its weight in diamonds... Ann Miller and Farley Granger are killing time between romances... Erich Remarque's wife debunks the unrumors... Quip on the investigation: There hasn't been so much "sporting" news on the front pages since the World Series.

One of the better-known disc jockeys may be questioned regarding call-gels he "introduced" to a notorious millionaire-playboy. Scandoll Nancy Hawkins, frinstance... The State likker board and Police License Bureau may jerk the permits of involved night spots for not keeping prostitootsies off the premises... Wags spell Jelke's name "Jailke." His double-life, they add, is a sort of a Jelke & Hyde... VIP (in Cafe Ssssociety) now stands for Very Important Pimpresario... Another teevy bit player (whose weekly apartment orgies are town-talk) has That Worried Look... But so has one of the "indignant" critics (of Sin) over t Time.

The Cables: Barbara Payton is doing very well in London. The current date of the Earl of Warwick... Italian actress Lia di Leo is quoted (by chums) as saying she will sue movie star Robert Taylor for "breach of promise." He has money invested in Italy... The Sop of the lavish Chevalier Revue (in Patee) has cooled off some U. S. producers who are anxious to import Old Liverlip to N. Y... Jose Ferrer told reporters he's staying in Europe 18 months because he doesn't want Americans to get bored with him. I thawt praps it was to enjoy the rulling that if you stay 18 months you don't have to pay all your taxes the rest of us do.

Don't-Call-Me-Madam-Dept.: One of the top when in the woolen industry (S. G.) was summoned to the D. A.'s office in the vice case... "Model" Pa Thompson's photo adorns the window of a delicatessen near 57th st. and 7th (Wotta Come down!)... The town's top Moddom (L. M.) is laffing and quipping: "That's what happens—when amchas get into the racket!"... The law is looking for C. J. Her name, number and fee were found in Sam Chumpman's little book. The "C," which they thawt means \$100, is for "Chickie"... The current Satevepost (page 32) includes "Simone of Paris," cleared by the cops after dating Sam... Al Fodor says there's no truth to the talk that "Polly" A. is suing the Social Register for giving The Oldest Profession "such a bad name"... Music Cue: "I Saw You Last Night and Got That Oleo Feeling!"

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Los Angeles, California  
August 12, 1952

PERSONAL  
AIR MAIL

Mr. Walter Winchell  
New York Mirror  
235 East 45th Street  
New York 17, New York

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Dear Walter:

In going over your column this morning, I observed the reference "The FBI and CIA say such profane things about each other - even Freud couldn't print them."

I wanted to be certain that you have not been imposed upon because insofar as the FBI is concerned, there is no basis for such a statement. While, of course, I cannot speak for CIA and I do not know exactly what the CIA feelings might be, I do know that the FBI does not entertain any such thoughts regarding CIA as might be implied in your column.

I regret that due to matters over which we have no control, I have not had an opportunity of seeing you for a long time. I hope that in the near future our paths will cross.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Handwritten notes and signatures on the left side of the letter, including "Walter Winchell" and "Mr. Jones".

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Chandler's Restaurant in game headlines...  
...U. S. Attorney Myles J. Lane's list...  
...wonder among several local...  
...tullible patrons... is only the overture...  
...One of the bosses is...  
...stranger to the authorities...  
...When two desperadoes...  
...Great Meadows Prison...  
...negations that El Panko had harbored the fugitives...  
...escape... At this time, his peculiar manipulations...  
...income tax people... They caught him in tax...  
...for \$20,000, which he paid to avoid prison...  
...District Attorney...  
...will find some interesting info on his desk...  
...when he returns from vacation...  
...A newspaper working very quick...  
...in several months gave the D.A.'s office the last crack...  
...forming a public service.

**The Cables:** No. 10 Downing Street stopped a scandal...  
...one of Winston's top cabinet, who will be named by a Mr. Fitz...  
...Simmons who wants to stop paying his gay wife yellimoney...  
...Recently dumped King Leopold of Belgium and his wife (Princess...  
...Rethy) are dwelling apart... Merle Oberon's latest passion is...  
...French actor Eugene Benet... Franco's brother Nick makes all...  
...sorts of unnecessary trips between Madrid and Lisbon... His...  
...uh-hulney is an Iberian Airlines hostess... Scott McKay and Joan...  
...Morgan, who met in the cast of "Born Yesterday" (the play), will...  
...wed in Paris any Sabbath... Farouk will be turned down by Canada.

**Legalists say the principal point in the E. Costello case was**  
...never argued in the trial court... That you cannot...  
...go on a privately sponsored program (such as the Kefauver Crime...  
...hearings sponsored by Time Life) under a Federal...  
...And that even the photographing of his hands was a violation of the...  
...light under the law in the State of N. Y.

**Look's "Can a Divorced Man Be Elected President?" arrives**  
...tomorrow... A weekly in the midwest was ready to blast Gov...  
...Stevenson (because of his divorce) but the story was killed by a...  
...liberal prelate friend of the nominee... Cover Gal Betty Bender is...  
...back at Nino's Continental in the arms of Jerry Beckett, racetrack...  
...heir... This should make a movie star's wife furious... Rae Stratton...  
...is flashing a 9 karat sparkler from a top furrier who is shedding his...  
...11th frau for her... (And Away We Go!) Sucker Frederick...  
...Vanderbilt Field (backer of County fronts and similar outfits) may...  
...follow ex-Commie leader Bella Dodd into the clutches... Red Leader...  
...Wm. Z. Foster... too ill to stand trial with the convicted 11 Commu-...  
...nists, wrote a book during that time... He is a glory patient at a...  
...hospital... A columnist has discovered a short cut to the clinic...  
...Bothering teenage girls at the beach... The front page stories about...  
...Britain's "deadly nerve gas" (which kills in minutes) was tipped...  
...her... 18 ago as paralysis gas... Billy Rose shouldn't comm...  
...All Broadway showmen are having their worst summer.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

September 5, 1952

From Walter Winchell.

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East Side, West Side:

## Barry Gray Yells Foul

By FRANK CONNIFF

**B**ARRY GRAY, a night club disc jockey who last Winter opened his microphones to anyone who wanted to savage Walter Winchell, then ailing in Florida, is in the curious position of crying foul now that the rebuttal from the hale and hard-hitting columnist has started.

Mr. Winchell did little to defend himself while one ancient enemy after another was resurrected by Mr. Gray to pour venom on his record. Feuds dormant for years were stoked over by the disc jockey in a bid for notoriety apparently based on the belief that Walter would hold still indefinitely for a campaign of character assassination without parallel in the long history of Broadway.

Nor did the columnist arouse himself when Broadway and Hollywood characters who had sought his help and favors for years allowed themselves to be herded by press agents to the Gray microphones for cheap plugs about their plays, movies and lay-offs.

### The "Worst Offender"

Mr. Winchell bided his time and now his time evidently has come. It seems that Mr. Gray's employer, Chandler's restaurant, is the "worst offender"—in the words of U. S. Attorney Myles Lane—among the local eateries which have been price-gouging and over-charging customers in violation of Federal regulations. A lien of \$300,000-plus has been slapped on the restaurant and Mr. Winchell has begun to keep his readers informed on all angles as they develop.

More than that. Walter has widened his rebuttal to include a few ripe details from the past of the Chandler owners. He charges that one of the bosses is "no stranger to the authorities," that he was investigated as to harboring jail-breakers and that he has been involved in "tax trickery" costing him \$200,000 to square. All this has pained and saddened Mr. Gray, who plaintively asked his audience:

"Why does Winchell only pick on Chandler's and never mention the other restaurants?"

This naive query amused Broadwayites who could give Mr. Gray the answer without a second's hesitation. Mr. Winchell has very little interest in the other joints charged with price-gouging and chiseling. But he will always find a spot in the column for Chandler's and its owners, who provided a forum for months on end from which those with a grudge against the columnist could vent their spleen without the slightest screening for truth, slander, or the personal health of the victim.

### An Empty Gesture

Mr. Gray has excused this smear barrage by saying he has also invited Mr. Winchell to appear—as if the columnist, who is a valuable TV and radio personality, should help build up business for a hashery that now stands arraigned as the worst offender among all New York price-chiselers.

Mr. Gray is alarmed over one other feature of his present situation and I believe he should be. Press agents and theatrical tycoons are no longer anxious to have their properties brace the Gray microphones. The price for a cheap puff or two is coming a little high this season. Whether Mr. Gray realizes it or not, his controversial attacks on a wide variety of people have made him a "hot" character and we do mean "hot."

The disc jockey mutters darkly about "reprisals" and other sinister gambits but this is patent nonsense. It is only human nature not to have an excess of affection for theatrical personalities who give aid and sustenance to a disc jockey dedicated to destroy the reputation of columnists who do not happen to see eye-to-eye with his own political beliefs.

We say to these press agents and producers and personalities who give their support to Mr. Gray: That's just dandy. But surely don't be surprised if we here at the Journal-American invite you to keep getting your plugs from him and not to expect very much from us. Mr. Gray is hot, red-hot, and he is all yours.

Louis Sobol is on vacation. His column, "New York Cavalcade," will be resumed upon his return.)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: October 6, 1952

FROM : MR. D. M. LADD *DL*SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL TELECAST AND BROADCAST  
OF OCTOBER 5, 1952

Walter Winchell in his telecast and broadcast of October 5, 1952, made the following statements of interest:

(1) The Kluzers in Southern Florida will get the surprise of their lives when the Federal Grand Jury convenes as the FBI knows of their activities.

Comment: He was referring to the Florida bombing cases which are being presented to a Federal Grand Jury convening at Miami, Florida, on October 6, 1952. Forty-seven individuals have been subpoenaed, among them members of the John B. Gordon Klan of Hialeah, Florida.

(2) The Communists in the schools will be exposed by a Senate Committee report on October 11, 1952.

Comment: The McCarran Committee has been holding hearings in New York regarding subversive influence in the educational process and a copy of some of the hearings held thus far has been furnished to the Bureau. It is being reviewed.

(3) A feud is in progress between President Truman and Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer over Mrs. Leon Keyserling, who was fired on charges of disloyalty. The President wants her reinstated and the Secretary has refused.

Comment: The fact that Mrs. Keyserling has been suspended has been brought to the Bureau's attention confidentially by the Department of Commerce.

(4) A Nazi supporter of Hitler named Maurice Schlenza (ph.) will enter the United States on a Portuguese visa. *ph.*

Comment: No record on this name under various spellings could be located in the Bureau's indices.

(5) Guatemala will soon be a Soviet satellite country and it is only 700 miles from the Panama Canal.

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(6) Republicans will fire a broadside at Mr. Justice Tom Clark for his handling of the files in the Kansas City vote fraud.

Comment: For some time the Subcommittee of the House headed by Representative Frank L. Chelf of Kentucky has been investigating the Department of Justice and among other things has been inquiring into the Kansas City vote fraud case and its handling by the Department. The question has been raised concerning the use of a sub-B file wherein administrative data was placed upon instructions of Tom Clark, the then Attorney General.

It is noted that the Washington Star of October 5, 1952, carried an article that Congressman Chelf said no "new or startling evidence" had been developed. Chelf stated that Clark used "exceedingly improper judgment" in handling the case in not ordering a more extensive FBI probe of charges.

(7) Pressure is being exerted on Attorney General McGranery to resist Senate Committee action in the Lattimore case but McGranery refuses to be Secretary of State Acheson's "goat" in this case.

Comment: As you know, the McCarran Committee has been rather insistent that the Department of Justice prosecute Lattimore for perjury. The Department has indicated recently that it may present this matter to a Grand Jury.

(8) Nothing will be done about the expulsion of George Kennan, U. S. Ambassador to Russia, although the U. S. has enough information to kick out the entire Soviet Embassy.

(9) The gold bars stolen in Canada have been transported to the U. S. and the U. S. Secret Service in New York City is looking for the gold.

Comment: On September 24, 1952, gold bars were stolen from Malten Airport, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. This gold, valued at over \$200,000, was in transit from Canada to Europe. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mr. Bethel, the Bureau's Liaison representative, advised on October 4, 1952 that there was no

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(10) The Communist Party of Illinois has a new secret hideaway for sending out scurrilous letters - 3456 South State, Chicago, Illinois.

Comment: The Chicago Office has advised that 3456 South State Street has been checked and it was ascertained that the Communist Party endeavored to lease office space there in July, 1952, and made a deposit. The building was up for sale and the owner broke off negotiations when the building was sold to Illinois Institute of Technology and the deposit was returned.

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(11) Mr. Winchell also offered \$7,000 reward for the seven "Red rats" (Communist fugitives). Mr. Winchell went on to point out that \$1,000 reward would be paid for each of the seven missing Communist fugitives. He gave the description of [REDACTED] and asked that any information concerning him be reported to the FBI.

(12) Page 70 of this week's issue of Time magazine refers to James Weschler, who reportedly is slanting the news at the New York Post.

Comment: [REDACTED]

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The attached was received from Walter Winchell with the following notation:

" To Mr. Hoover & Clyde,

" Can you tell me please.

" W. W. "

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September 19, 1951

Mr. Walter Winchell,  
c/o The New York Mirror,  
New York, New York

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Dear Mr. Winchell:

Yesterday, September 18th, I picked up a copy of the local newspaper, turned to the picture section, and saw a photograph of a mansion on Long Island that was sold to the Russian government for \$30,000. My curiosity was strained. I called New York and found that this mansion was located out of Roslyn, which according to my maps is approximately five miles air line from Huntington Bay. Unless I am mistaken, there could not conceivably be two homes that are as much alike as the one pictured outside of Roslyn and the one I happen to know of on Huntington Bay.

The accompanying newspaper article was captioned, to the effect, "Reds Purchase Estate of Former Governor". Further down in the article the purchase price was stated as \$80,000.00, and also the article stated that the mansion was owned by a Governor Miller, as I recall, from 1921 until 1923. After this the statement was made that in 1951 the mansion was bought by a local real estate firm (Mineola, New York).

The above quotes were from an article which originated with Associated Press at Mineola, New York.

The fact that the owner of this mansion from 1923 until 1951 was not indicated, the fact that the mansion sold for only \$80,000.00, the fact that the location is given as Upper Brookville, and, also, the fact that I feel positive I personally have spent considerable time in this particular mansion as a State Department employee during 1944 in training for the Office of War Information, in the Psychological Warfare Bureau, make me wonder.

As I remember, a Mrs. Fields of Marshall Field's was the owner and had donated this property to the State.

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Department as a semi-secret training ground. This is based upon the assumption that the house mentioned is actually located on Huntington Bay, a few miles out of Huntington, New York, and prior to its sale to the real estate agent must have belonged to the Marshall Fields.

What I cannot understand is why the price of \$80,000 to Russians, the Field ownership, the State Department's use of the property during the war, and also the prior leasing to the Russians of this property for quarters.

As you know, Huntington Bay would make a wonderful garage for all kinds of entries, legal and illegal.

Would you please advise me if my assumptions are correct? Is the house that is being sold to the Russians the one described by me, on Huntington Bay, that belonged to the Marshall Fields?

Sincerely

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Mr. Walter Winchell  
New York Mirror  
235 East 45th Street  
New York 17, New York

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Dear Walters

With respect to your note which you appended on the letter [redacted] addressed to you on September 19, 1952, I thought you might like to know that from the data [redacted] forwarded it is not possible to ascertain whether the two houses he described are one and the same.

For your information, the Soviets purchased the mansion described in the newspaper articles from the Sterling Investing Corporation of New York City. The broker in this transaction was Mr. Raymond P. Quinn, also of New York City, and this house is located on the Mill River Road, Upper Brookville, Nassau County, Long Island. It did at one time belong to the former Governor of New York, Mr. Nathan Miller, and it has been referred to as the Norwich mansion in the past.

I am returning [redacted] letter to you and I do hope this information will be of assistance.

Sincerely,

*John*

Enclosure

NOTE: [redacted] is not identifiable in Buffalo. Data regarding the Soviets' recent purchase of the Long Island mansion furnished by Security Division. This data, of course, would all be public source material.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S PROGRAMS  
OCTOBER 12, 1952

DATE: October 13, 1952

On his television program on the above date, Mr. Winchell made the following comments of possible interest to the Bureau.

WINCHELL:

The Russian delegates to the United Nations have disconnected most of their telephones because there are not enough Russian security personnel to monitor all of the conversations.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL:

Clarence Hickey, a professor at Brooklyn Poly. Tech, will appear before the McCarran Committee tomorrow afternoon. He has been accused by Congress and the Atomic Energy Commission as part of a spy ring.

COMMENT:



WINCHELL:

Secretary of State Dean Acheson was the American attorney for Joe Stalin's Soviet Union. Acheson's law firm represented Poland as late as 1946, and presently represents eight foreign nations receiving aid from the United States.

COMMENT:

None.

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WINCHELL:

The Americans for Democratic Action voted for repeal of the Smith Act at their convention in August, 1952. The CIO contributed \$60,000 per year to the World Federation of Trade Unions until 1948.

COMMENT:

The CIO is no longer affiliated with the World Federation of Trade Unions, a Soviet controlled organization; however, a number of the Unions which were expelled from the CIO for Communist domination are still affiliated with World Federation of Trade Unions.

WINCHELL:

Winchell will give \$1,000 reward for assistance to the FBI in apprehending the Number Two Communist fugitive, William Norman Marron.

COMMENT:

As you will recall, Marron was indicted on June 20, 1951, for the violation of the Smith Act and is presently a fugitive.

On his radio program on the same date the following items were noted:

WINCHELL:

The McCarran Committee has been fighting with the State Department with regard to calling United Nations employees as witnesses before the McCarran Committee.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL:

General Bedell Smith will be the next Ambassador to France. General Dean, former Military Attache to Moscow, will become head of the Central Intelligence Agency.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL:

The current issue of Saturday Evening Post will name 9,000 college professors as having Communist front connections.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL:

Tomorrow the Senate Security Committee will reveal the names of three dozen American reds in the United Nations building.

COMMENT:

As you know, there have been Grand Jury hearings in New York with regard to this matter, and a number of United Nations personnel have appeared as witnesses. A number of these individuals are to appear as witnesses before the McCarran Committee beginning October 13.

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WINCHELL:

President Truman was once a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

WINCHELL:

Laughlin Currie, a former White House Assistant, was up before a Congressional investigating committee in 1948 accused of tipping off a Soviet spy ring that we were about to break the Soviet secret code. His attorney was Dean Acheson.

COMMENT:

Currie appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in connection with the Gregory espionage case.

WINCHELL:

Secretary of State Dean Acheson approved a loan to Red Poland on April 24, 1946. Poland paid a \$52,000 fee to Acheson's law firm and the brother of Alger Hiss.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

WINCHELL:

J. Wechsler, Editor of the "New York Post," once a top official in the Young Communist League, claims he quit this organization in 1937 and that he was too young to be a Communist. Wechsler's paper, the "New York Post," has attacked J. Edgar Hoover, the FBI and Walter Winchell for prosecuting the Communists. It has also defended Alger Hiss, William Remington and other "pinks."  
Page 283 of the record of the espionage trial at which the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell were found guilty shows that Max Elitcher testified that Rosenberg tried to get him to join the Young Communist League in 1937 and that after he joined in 1939 he found that Wechsler's Red outfit was still an important cell in the Communist Party.

COMMENT:

Wechsler has publicly admitted his former membership in the Young Communist League. Max Elitcher was a Government witness in the Rosenberg espionage trial.

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd  
FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont  
SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S PROGRAMS  
OCTOBER 19, 1952

DATE: October 20, 1952

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On his television program on the above date,  
Mr. Winchell made the following comments of possible interest  
to the Bureau.

WINCHELL:

The parade of suspected American Communists in the  
United Nations before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee  
will continue on next Thursday.

COMMENT:

As you know, the McCarran Committee has been holding  
hearings concerning Communism in the United Nations.

WINCHELL:

Another New York editor's Communist record is quietly  
being probed by the United States Government. He is one of the  
top men of a high-brow literary magazine.

COMMENT:

From the information furnished, it has not been determined  
to whom Winchell has reference.

WINCHELL:

Stanley Graze, one of fourteen Americans employed at the  
U. N., refused to tell if he was a Communist before the Senate  
Internal Security Subcommittee. He was one of the accused on the  
list of Senator McCarthy.

COMMENT:



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WINCHELL:

Another bomb shell will explode in the U. N. in a few days, of Alger Hiss dimensions, involving a prominent American in the U. N. He was and still may be a plant by Alger Hiss.

COMMENT:

After checking with the supervisor handling Communist infiltration in the U. N., it was not possible to determine to whom Winchell has reference. This Bureau has conducted investigations of a number of individuals in the United Nations. As you know, the McCarran Committee is presently holding hearings with regard to Communism in the U. N. (L)

WINCHELL:

The Immigration Department is taking steps to bar Josephine Baker from the United States.

COMMENT:

Josephine Baker is the well-known Negro singer who is a French citizen. She recently made anti-United States statements while in Argentina. These statements have been given wide publicity. Information concerning Josephine Baker has been furnished to the Attorney General.

On his radio program, Mr. Winchell made no statements of interest to the Bureau other than those set out above.

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd  
FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont  
SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S PROGRAMS  
OCTOBER 26, 1952

DATE: October 27, 1952

On his television program on the above date, Mr. Winchell made the following statements of possible interest to the Bureau.

WINCHELL:

The FBI has trapped Charles Hopkins, a nineteen year old ex-convict wanted for kidnaping many persons in the Deep South. The capture may take place at any moment. He may receive the death penalty under the Lindbergh Law.

COMMENT:

Hopkins is a subject in the case entitled [redacted] wa., Fugitive; Charles Hopkins, Fugitive; [redacted] Fugitive; [redacted] Victim Kidnaping, 11SMV Juvenile Delinquency Act. [redacted] was captured October 25, 1952. Intensive investigation is being conducted by this Bureau in Florida, Georgia, and Tennessee looking toward the apprehension of the other two subjects.

WINCHELL:

The Department of Justice has quietly investigated the case of Owen Lattimore. Witnesses have been interviewed by E. H. [redacted] a top expert on Communism.

COMMENT:

The Justice Department plans to present this case to a grand jury in the near future. The case in the Justice Department is being handled by Edward Hummer, a former Bureau Agent.

WINCHELL:

Tennuto and Marsciato, the suspects wanted in the Schuster murder case, may be taken any day. Let me bring them in, please, so that the Runyan Cancer Fund may get the reward of more than \$26,000.

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COMMENT:

As you know, Fred J. Tennuto is one of the Bureau's top ten fugitives. He was an associate of Willy Sutton. [REDACTED]

b7D [REDACTED] Marsciato is wanted by the New York Police Department and is not a Bureau fugitive.

WINCHELL:

The Senate Security Committee will expand its probe to the U. S. Mission in the U.N. One suspect is a top advisor to the American delegates. He was a protege of Alger Hiss. His last initial is R. Another protege of Alger Hiss is being investigated as the ghost writer for the statement of Trygve Lie, attacking the Senate probe. His last initial is F., F as for Foote.

COMMENT:

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b7C As you know the McCarran Committee has been holding hearings concerning Communism in the United Nations. One of the individuals referred to by Winchell may be [REDACTED] a U. N. employee who has been the subject of a security investigation by the Bureau.

WINCHELL:

Uranium cannot be smuggled into our cities and harbors without detection. No enemy can plant the atomic bomb by suitcase.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL:

Last week I said President Truman was a member of the Ku Klux Klan. Drew Pearson stated that this is not true. Here are affidavits to prove that Truman was a member of the Klan in Independence, Missouri, in 1922.

Winchell exhibited affidavits from the following individual Lee M. Allen, Commander KKK Unit, Independence, Missouri; Harry E. Huckle, Lot H. Denton, O. L. Chrisman, L. H. Goddard, Grandview, Missouri; Harry Hoffman, and Harold Bullard (phonetic), King Kleagle of the Klan, Kansas City, Missouri.



COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL:

Rumor has it that the gamblers in Florida will get the go ahead sign by November 15, 1952.

COMMENT:

None.

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd *pl*

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
NOVEMBER 9, 1952

DATE: November 10, 1952

WINCHELL:

Congressman Velde, ex-FBI man and new chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities will begin tomorrow to toss Communists out of high places in Government.

Friends of Alger Hiss are trying to get a passport for him so Hiss can live abroad maybe, Switzerland, when he is paroled next month.

To the Hartford Times and Courant the Peoples Party of Connecticut which is sponsoring Paul Robeson's concert at Weaver High School, your city, is a Communist front group or worse. Paul Robeson is no good. Get him out of town. Winchell furnished descriptive background and showed a photograph of James Edward Jackson, Jr., and announced his reward of \$7,000 for the capture of the seven Communist fugitives.

WINCHELL:

An engagement by Larry Alder, harmonica expert, was cancelled by the New Orleans Hotel Ponce De Leon on November 5, 1952, on many complaints from American Legionnaires.

Comment:

You will recall that according to our files

WINCHELL:

Norman Corwin, top radio writer, was finally located after three weeks. He was found in the high Sierras where he said he was hunting. The McCarran Committee will call Corwin for extensive grilling next Tuesday concerning Communist infiltration of the U.N.

Comment:

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from A. H. Belmont

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for the McCarran Committee in October, 1952. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Corwin was employed as Chief, Special Projects, United Nations Radio in 1949.

WINCHELL:

Charlie Chaplin will be detained at Ellis Island, or nearest immigration detention center when he returns to the United States. He will be confronted by damaging evidence given Uncle Sam by an American Undercover Agent.

Comment

According to SA Nelson who is supervising this case numerous informants are being contacted and recontacted concerning this matter. According to Nelson the Immigration and Naturalization Service is conducting the actual investigation and the Bureau is assisting in interviews when requested. From Winchell's description, an American Undercover Agent, this could refer to many persons or no one who has been contacted regarding the Chaplin investigation.

WINCHELL:

Senator McCarran takes over hearings on Communism in the U.N. next Tuesday. A female witness will tell her story of Communist infiltration of the U.N. that will ignite a major diplomatic incident between the United States and Russia.

Comment:

Bureau files concerning Communist infiltration of the U.N. discloses no potential witness who fits Winchell's comment.

WINCHELL:

The FBI in Baltimore has arrested Carl Chase probably wanted for murder in Portland, Maine.

Comment

Chase was apprehended by Bureau Agents on a tip from a private citizen who had seen his description set out in the

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from A. H. Belmont

December issue of "Inside Detective." The Boston Office opened an Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution - Murder type investigation in September, 1952. The subject, Chase, had killed one Alex Yorkus in a robbery at Auburn, Maine in August of this year.

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